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### MR. NELSON T. JOHNSON ON AN UNOFFICIAL MISSION?

London, To-day.

The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, arrived here yesterday.

Although his visit is stated to be purely private, political circles believe that it is connected with the "economic plan of campaign" against Japan contemplated by Britain and the United States.

It is expected that Mr. Johnson will have conversations with a number of business leaders interested in trade with China and possibly also with political personalities before embarking for America.

The Ambassador will, on his return home, report to President Roosevelt on the situation in the Far East.—Trans-Ocean.

### JAPAN PUSHES FORMOSAN PRODUCTS

Shanghai, To-day.

A Japanese paper here reports an increasing influx of Formosan goods into Shanghai.

With 50,000 tons of sugar in 1938 against 5,000 in 1937, Formosa topped the import list even threatening to monopolise the market.

With the original price low, and shipping costs small, Formosan sugar constitutes a big rival for Java's sugar exports.

At the same time, Japan expects Formosan fruits, etc. will to a large extent push out Singapore and Manila.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha is said to be contemplating an increase of the passenger and cargo services between Shanghai and Formosa.—Trans-Ocean.

Saragossa, To-day.

While Nationalist quarters admit that General Miaja's offensive on the Cordova front is developing seriously, they are refusing to be diverted from the Catalan front, where hopes of a decisive victory are running high.

With the capture of Tarrega yesterday, another important success was gained as it places Cervera and the road to Barcelona in jeopardy.

Franco also anticipates the early capture of Tarragona, depriving the Catalans of an important seaport.

The Burgos version of yesterday's operations states that the army of General Moscardo advanced along the Lerida-Tarrega round and occupied the villages of Bellpuig and Villagrasa.

General Garcia Valino's army, operating in the north, attacked simultaneously along the Artesa de Segre-Tarrega road.

Menaced from north and west, the defence crumbled and Valino's army stormed the airport and finally encircled the town.

#### GARRISON FIGHTS

The garrison is putting up a determined stubborn desperate resistance and are apparently prepared to die fighting.

By late evening, however, the Nationalist forces had secured a substantial foothold and as no relief to the garrison is possible, the town can be considered as fallen.

Lying at the junction of the road from Lerida to Barcelona and the road from Montblanche to Artesa de Segre, Tarrega's fall is considered particularly important.

#### NAVARRESE HELD

In the south, the Navarrese divisions are held up in front of Montblanche, though they have occupied the heights to the south-west.

Montblanche has been subjected to intense artillery bombardment.—Trans-Ocean.

#### FRESH: FINE

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anticyclone covers China and the adjacent seas. A depression is moving north-eastward over Central Japan. Forecast: N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

### 47 VILLAGES DISCOVERED FOR FIRST TIME

Moscow, To-day.

Incredible as it sounds, 47 villages hitherto unknown have just been discovered in the district of Tschkalow, formerly known as Orenburg.

None of these villages, it was

### ELEPHANTS CARRY TEA IN LONDON

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
ELEPHANTS CARRYING LOADS OF TEA FROM ST. KATHERINE'S DOCK TO TOWER HILL, IN LONDON, PROVIDED A REMARKABLE SPECTACLE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE EMPIRE TEA CENTENARY YESTERDAY.

From Tower Hill, drays took the tea to Mincing Lane, where a ceremonial auction was held by the Lord Mayor, Sir Frank Bowater.

A silver casket containing two lbs. of Empire grown tea, which was sealed by the Lord Mayor and will not be opened until the next Centenary in 2039, fetched £1,156.

Thirty-six replicas, containing one lb. of tea each, fetched between £30 and £50 each.

A total of £2,228, representing an average of approximately \$59 for each lb. of tea, has been given to benevolent societies by the tea trade.—Reuter.

stated yesterday, have hitherto been known to the authorities and their "discovery" was but the accidental result of preparations for taking a census in the South Urals.—Trans-Ocean.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!



# BRENDA'S CUT PRICE PARTY-£3,670

British Firm Told Of—

## ANOTHER FAKED DEBT IN DRUG FRAUD CASE

LONDON, DEC. 28.  
NEW EVIDENCE OF THE  
FAKED ACCOUNTS OF MCKES-  
SON AND ROBBINS INC., THE  
FIRM IN THE UNITED STATE  
£3,600,000 DRUG FRAUD CASE,  
CAME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF  
THE DAILY EXPRESS YESTER-  
DAY.

The Anchor Chemical Co., Ltd.,  
manufacturing chemists, of Clay-  
ton, Manchester, have received from  
the United States Securities and  
Exchange Commission, which is  
conducting the examination of the  
U.S. firm's affairs, this letter:—

"The available books and records  
of McKesson and Robbins Inc. in-  
dicate that on November 30, 1938,  
you were indebted to the corpora-  
tion in the amount of 16,576dols.  
(£3,315 sterling).

### 'NO RECORD'

"This obligation, it appears, arose  
out of a sale or sales to you of mer-  
chandise made through a W. W.  
Smith and Co. There is no record  
at hand with respect to the trans-  
action."

The commission asked for de-  
tails of any transaction between the  
company and the corporation.

Mr. T. H. Hewlett, chairman and  
managing director of the Anchor  
Chemical Company, Ltd., said last  
night: "We have carefully sear-  
ched our books. We have never  
had any communication with or  
transactions with any firm named  
McKesson and Robbins Inc. or with  
any firm named W. W. Smith and  
Co."

Cockburn and Co., Glasgow whole-  
sale chemists, denied at the week-  
end having any dealings with the  
U.S. firm, whose books showed a  
debt of £3,069 owing by Cockburn's.

## Champagne Was 'Non-Vintage'

NEW YORK, DECEMBER 29.

BRENDA FRAZIER, NEW YORK'S SEVEN-  
TEEN-YEAR-OLD DEBUTANTE OF THE SEA-  
SON, HAD TO BE CONTENT WITH A "CUT-  
PRICE" DEBUT PARTY WHICH BEGAN AT  
MID-NIGHT YESTERDAY AND ENDED AT  
DAWN TO-DAY. AND COST THREE THOU-  
SAND SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY  
POUNDS.

The bank, which is the executor  
of the £2,000,000 left to Brenda by  
her grandmother, told Mrs. Fre-  
derick Watriss, formerly of Canter-  
bury, Kent Brenda's mother, that  
the £10,000 she proposed to spend  
on the party was too much.

So, Mrs. Watriss economised by  
serving non-vintage champagne and  
cutting the guest list.

### HERE IS THE BILL

While Brenda slept to-day and  
Mrs. Watriss studied telegrams  
congratulating her on her beautiful  
daughter, bank officials studied the  
bill for the "cut-price" party. This  
is it:—

Use of ballroom, foyer, and palm court .....	£1,200
Breakages .....	£200
Champagne [one bottle among three people] .....	£300
Whisky and soft drinks [in- cluding Miss Frazier's favourite mixture of soda- pop and milk] .....	£200
Music by two orchestras ..	£500
Fifteen private detectives [in- cluding hire of evening clothes for them] .....	£70
Decorations .....	£200
Tips .....	£200
Social secretary ..	£500
Incidentals .....	£100
Gowns and accessories for Miss Frazier and her mother .....	£200

## CHINESE PLAY DELIGHTS LONDON AUDIENCE

London, December 21.

Londoners first sipped the delicate  
delights of "Lady Precious Stream"  
when it was privately presented at  
the Chinese Embassy, and after-  
wards, as will be remembered, it  
ran for an almost indefinite period  
at a West End theatre. On Sun-  
day night, in the cause of Chinese  
medical relief, the Chinese Embassy  
again presented a play by the same  
author, S. I. Hsiung. Perhaps  
there will be a similar sequel.

There was no doubt, at least, that  
this play, "The Western Chamber,"  
enchanted the small Anglo-Chinese  
audience. Of course, it lent itself  
particularly well to such intimate  
presentation — these Chinese play-  
wrights have no more use for scen-  
ery than Shakespeare had, and, in-  
deed, they take even greater liber-  
ties than he did with time and space.  
Master Chang, the student, saves  
the family of his beloved Ying Ying  
from a bandit and thereafter woos  
Ying Ying with chequered fortune  
until, when he has gained almost the  
highest place "in the highest ex-  
amination," the marriage is happily  
arranged.

All was done with tact, delicacy,  
and poetry, and whatever the diffi-  
culties of the situation everyone  
carefully preserved face. One Chi-  
nese and distinctly unwestern cus-  
tom was observed — that of making  
the leading lady and the second  
lead change parts for one act.  
Maisie Darell and Joan Redman did  
either part with grace and humour.

## GANGSTER ARMOURY FOUND IN CAVE

Another robber cave was dis-  
covered by the Kowloon Police  
yesterday afternoon in the vicinity  
of the railway bridge near Kow-  
loon Tong. Four revolvers and a  
quantity of ammunition were  
found.

In consequence of the number of  
daring robberies which have occur-  
red in Kowloon recently, the police,  
under Detective Inspector A. E.  
Carey, have made several raids on  
brothels in an effort to trace the  
gangsters.

On Monday night, Inspector  
Carey with a party of Chinese de-  
tectives raided a brothel in Canton  
Road, where they found three  
suspects.

Later three other men were ar-  
rested in a house in Tai Kok-tai.

After the police had completed  
their inquiries, the suspects led the  
police to the cave where the re-  
volvers and ammunition were  
found.

The men will be charged at  
Kowloon this morning.

## BRITISH RECORD RECRUITING

London, To-day.

Record recruiting returns con-  
tinue to be made for the Territor-  
ial Army.

Figures for January 1 show that  
strength has reached 204,009 of-  
ficers and men. The revised esta-  
blishment is 224,039.

During the month of December,  
6,882 recruits enlisted and after  
allowing for officers and men who  
completed their service, there was  
a net gain of 3,819.

The Territorial Army is now  
larger than the Regular Army—  
the position it held as a territorial  
force before the War.—British  
Wireless.

## BALDWIN FUND

London, To-day.

Earl Baldwin's refugee fund is  
now over £350,000.—Reuter.

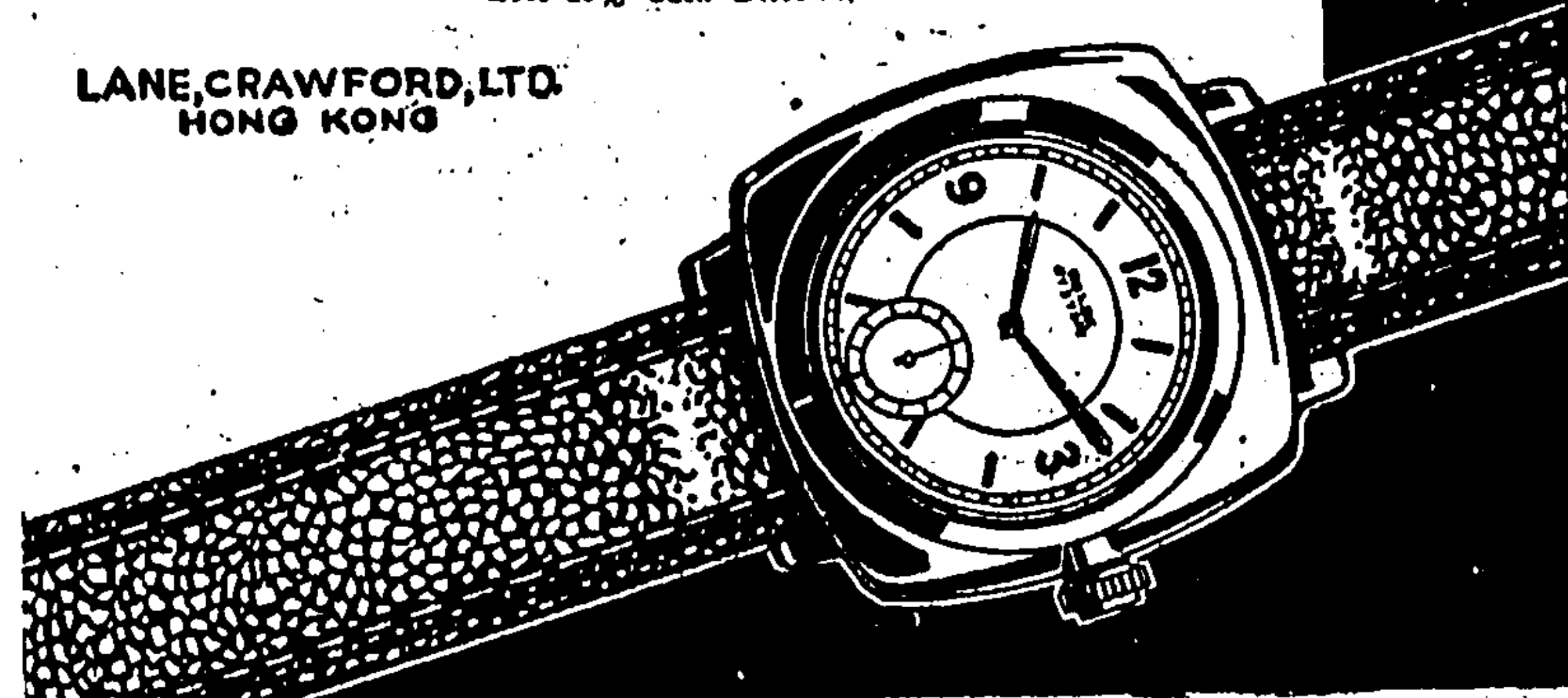
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## Prisoner Puts Governor's House In Order

Paris, December 29.

A white Russian who some months ago was  
convicted of working in Paris without an official  
licence was sent to the Sante Prison.

There it was found that he was  
a skilled cabinet-maker, and the  
officials told him to get to work  
repairing the Governor's dining-  
room.

Having completed his two months'  
imprisonment, he was released, but  
six months later he was sent back  
for another offence.

This time he was given the task  
of repairing the salon of the Gov-  
ernor's residence.

Released again, he was convicted  
for a third offence. This time, on  
his return to the prison, he was put  
to work repairing the office.

Now, having for the fourth time  
been imprisoned, he is at work on  
the hall. An official told me:

"It is usual to give prisoners  
at the Sante tasks of this kind. But  
it is certainly unusual that one man  
should do so much to improve the  
interior of the Governor's residence  
and other buildings."



# Dr. Schacht Gives An Assurance

## MORE ATTACKS ON JUNKS NEAR HONG HONG

Two further junk "piracies" are contained in this morning's police reports.

Both were essentially similar in the method of execution.

Cheng Kwan-shing, master of a junk trading in the vicinity of Swatow, states that whilst on a voyage from Swatow to Hong Kong, a small boat containing two men armed with revolvers approached.

After sending a fusillade of shots screaming round the junk, one of which found a billet in the right hip of one of the crew, the pirates boarded the vessel and removed 30 sacks of sweet potatoes valued at \$120 and 20 sacks of red rice valued at \$50.

The other "piracy" took place off Chek Wan. Kwok Chan, the master, tells the police that he left Man Kim Sha Village in the Tung Kan District on New Year's Day on a voyage to Hong Kong. On nearing Chek Wan a small boat containing two men, opened fire with a rifle and revolver. The junk was boarded and the crew put ashore near Chek Wan Temple while the pirates sailed away in the junk in which was money amounting to \$100.

The crew were later picked up by a passing junk and brought into Hong Kong.

## SHIU YU-SHAN'S APPOINTMENT

Chungking, To-day.

General Shih Yu-san, guerilla commander in Shantung, whose troops raided Tsinan sometime ago, was appointed Chairman of the Chahar Provincial Government by the Executive Yuan at a regular meeting yesterday.

The meeting also decided on the creation of a Water and Land Transportation Commission with Mr. T. L. Soong as Chairman and Mr. Lu Tso-fu as Vice-Chairman.—Central News.

## JEWS SAFE UNLESS LOAN NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN

Berlin, To-day.

Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, was expected to return from Basle last night and begin discussions to-day with the Evian Refugee Committee delegation, headed by Mr. Rublee, which arrived yesterday.

It is learned that the discussions will be based on a plan which Dr. Schacht took to London but it is understood that Dr. Schacht hinted that the plan was not Germany's last word.

## GUNMAN AMOK IN CEYLON: HUNT IN JUNGLE

Colombo, To-day.

Police are combing the jungles of Central Ceylon for a gunman who ran amok, shot dead four people and wounded one.

He is known to still have hundreds of cartridges.

Panic-stricken people in villages are remaining in their homes behind barricaded doors.

The man ran amok after a quarrel with his partner in a gambling den. He shot his partner dead during a meal, rushed into the street where he shot four others and escaped into the jungle.—Reuter.

## FRENCH REMOVE RESTRICTIONS

Cairo, To-day.

The Arab leaders who at present are in Cairo are going by air to Beirut to-day to meet the Mufti of Jerusalem.

The French authorities in Syria have removed all restrictions on their movements.—Reuter.

## LINER FIRE PUT OUT

London, To-day.

A fire which broke out on the liner "Rimutaka" is now completely under control, according to latest wireless messages.

The vessel is now proceeding to Auckland.—Reuter.

## MISSIONARY FROM CHINA: HIS MEMORY WAS SAVED BY CAROLS

London, Dec. 24.

Four years ago he offered his living body for experiments by medical research workers. Yesterday he lay with a blank mind in a ward at Salisbury Infirmary.

The mystery man's plight was reported in the "Daily Sketch" on Thursday, after he had been admitted to the infirmary suffering from loss of memory.

He did not know who he was or where he had come from.

Until yesterday a party of Salvation Army carol singers came to the hospital. As the carols filled the ward the mystery man's memory stirred slowly.

As the party passed his bed he cried: "I know..."

He was able to tell the police who had waited by his bed that he had been an "Army" adjutant and that his name was Harold Ernest Gibbin.

## BROTHER TRACED

The police traced his brother, living at Park-crescent, Finchley, N.

"Harold has spoken to me by telephone and he seemed all right. He is being kept in hospital for observation for any possible effects of a fall he told me he had a few days ago," the brother added.

"He came back from China, where he was a Salvation Army missionary."

"He is a travelling evangelist and goes all over the country keeping preaching engagements for the Salvation Army and other institutions."

When Mr. K. E. Gibbin offered his body for experiments the Medical Research Council declined the offer.

## PUPPET PLAYS EXPECTED TUNE

Shanghai, To-day.

Asserting that their own fate, in addition to that of the twelve Chinese provinces now partially or completely under Japanese domination, depended on their action at this time, Wen Tsung-yao, president of the Legislative Council of the "reformed government of Nanking" yesterday issued a lengthy appeal to the people of the nine provinces still under the control of the Kuomintang.

He urged conclusion of an agreement with Japan on the basis of the three points outlined by Prince Konoye, the former Japanese Premier.—Reuter.

## INSURGENT LINES BROKEN

Barcelona, To-day.

Resistance of the insurgents has been broken on the Cordova front and in spite of all efforts to reinforce the defenders, the Republican troops have broken through and are advancing in the direction of Monterrubide la Serena and del Sobo.

Among important positions occupied were the heights of Picuda where a great number of prisoners were taken.

On the Catalan front, enemy attacks on Heights 488 and 429 were repulsed following heavy firing.—Trans-Ocean.

## NEW RADIOPHONE ESTABLISHED

London, To-day.

Radio-telephone service between the United Kingdom and Newfoundland was inaugurated yesterday. The service is afforded by the interconnexion of the new Newfoundland-Montreal link and the existing London-Montreal link.

Before the addition of this new overseas service, telephone subscribers in Great Britain were already able to speak to about 95 per cent. of telephone subscribers in the world.—British Wireless.



ENTERING THEIR WINTER ARK.—Now that winter weather is here the flamingoes at the London Zoo are shut up at night time. This is to prevent frost-bitten legs to which the birds are subject. Photo shows the flamingoes trooping into their winter quarters for the first time.



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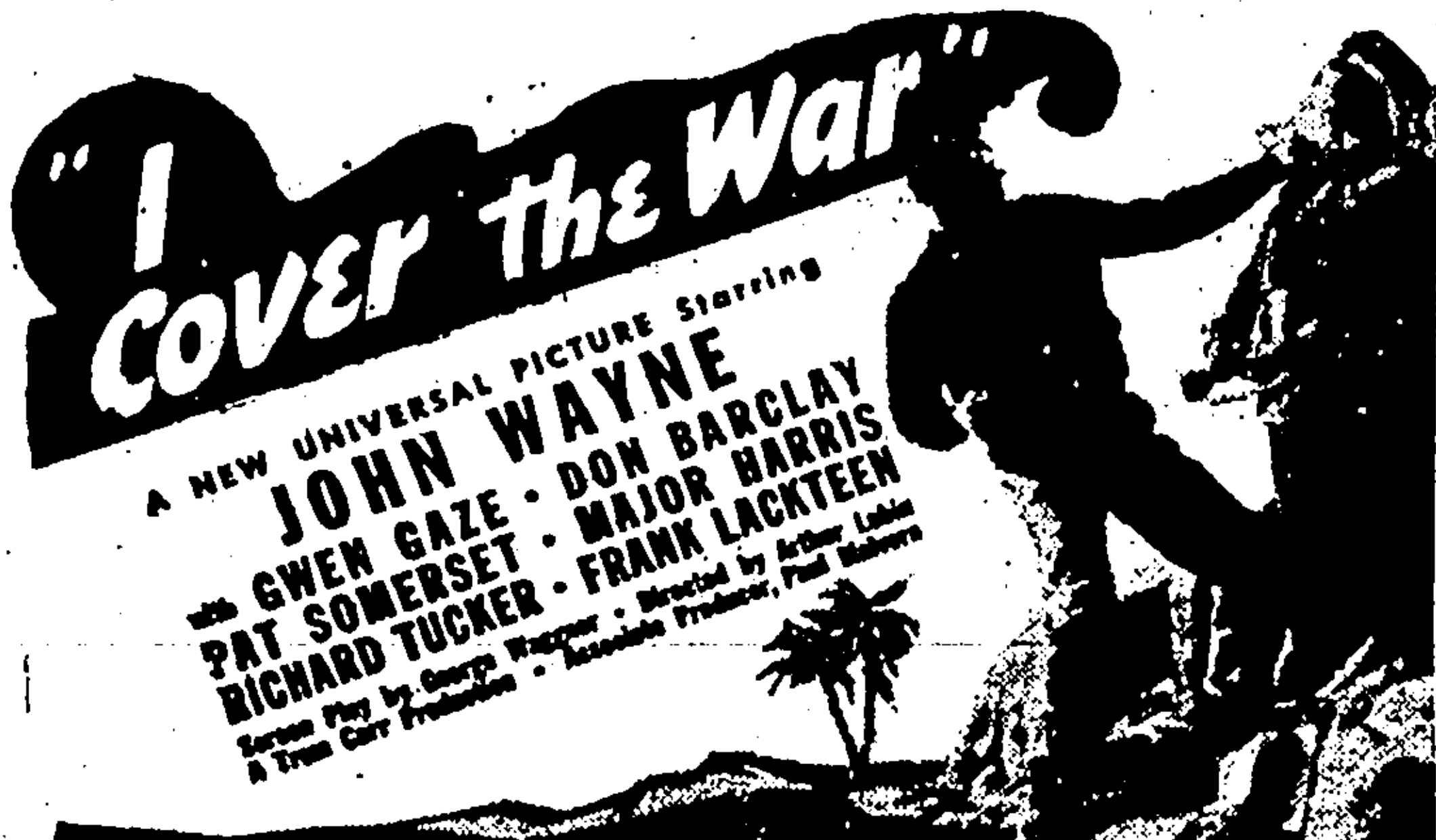
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## SIX ARABS GET DEATH SENTENCE

Jerusalem, To-day.

The military court yesterday sentenced to death six Arabs captured at Hebron last month.

The 2nd Queen's West Surrey Regiment have arrived at Haifa to relieve the 1st Royal Scots, who are returning to England.—Reuter.

## COUNTRY HOUSE FOR JEWISH BOYS

Efforts are being made to establish in this country early in the New Year an agricultural institution, to be run on a self-supporting basis, as a centre at which young Jewish refugees from Germany may receive agricultural training before going to other countries which are open to receive them.

Negotiations are in progress between a committee in London and Magdalen College, Oxford, for the taking over of Tythrop House, near Thame, and its estate of some 200 acres. The house was recently the centre for a number of Basque children.

It is proposed to bring over to this country some 100 Jewish boys between the ages of 16 and 19, their teachers and Prof. L. Moch, who was the director of a similar farm in Germany.

The boys would be trained for emigration to other countries, particularly the United States. At the moment the American quota of Jewish refugees is complete, but if others are allowed in further refugees from Germany would take their place at Tythrop House.

## LARGEST BELLS IN WORLD

Peal For Liverpool  
Cathedral

### FIRST OF THIRTEEN CAST IN LONDON

The four tons of copper and Cornish tin used recently in the casting of the first of 13 bells for Liverpool Anglican Cathedral contained an infinitesimal amount of silver.

Just before the molten, rose-coloured metal began to flow into the mould, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, R.A., architect of the cathedral, and several members of the committee threw sixpences into the blazing furnace for luck.

At the historic Whitechapel foundry where the bell was cast yesterday, we saw a process that differed little from its mediaeval counterpart.

Molten metal was poured from a furnace, heated to 1,700 degrees Fahrenheit, into a mould which was buried deep in the ground. Next week the bell, which will be almost perfect, will be removed from the mould and tuned by means of special tuning forks. Final corrections will be made by means of a lathe which pares the metal from the inside of the bell until the correct frequencies are obtained.

### HEAVIEST "TENOR"

It had taken several workmen all the previous day to fill the furnace with the metal ingots, and the fire had been alight all night.

The remainder of the peal will be cast during the next six months, after which they will be taken to Liverpool by road.

The peal will be the biggest in the world, and will cost about \$4,000. It was presented by the late Mr. Thomas Bartlett, a wealthy Liverpool merchant, who died in 1912.

The bell cast was named "Emmanuel" by the Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. David, and is the heaviest "tenor" in existence.

Tin Ba-sun, a resident in the King's Park Refugee found 20 rounds of ammunition when roaming round the hillside above Waterloo Road yesterday.

## MATRICULATION ENTRY DATE

The next Matriculation Examination of Hong Kong University will commence on Monday, 12th June, 1939.

Entries, together with the examination fee, must be delivered to the Registrar on or before February 1, 1939.

The following Scholarships are open to competition.

A limited number of Hong Kong Government Scholarships of the value of \$400 each, open to candidates from Hong Kong Schools, tenable in the Faculty of Arts only.

Three King Edward VII Scholarships of the value of £40 per annum, open to British Subjects only.

Candidates desiring to compete for scholarships are directed to indicate which scholarships they intend to compete for, in the space provided for the purpose in the entry form.

## 5 NEW SQUADRONS OF AIR CADETS

The Air League of the British Empire announces the formation of five new Air Defence Cadet Squadrons. There are now 30 squadrons, and the establishment of the Corps is 3,000.

The new squadrons are No. 27 at Chingford, Essex, No. 28 at Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury, No. 29 at Rugby, No. 30 at Cardiff, and a squadron formed by Burstow School in co-operation with Crawley, Sussex, and Horley, Surrey, which has been officially registered at No. 19.

Cardiff is the first town in Wales to participate in the movement, and five schools have now formed their own units.

The Air Defence Cadet Corps, which was raised with the full approval of the Air Ministry, aims at raising 20,000 cadets throughout the country between the ages of 15 and 18½. They will be trained for future employment in the flying services or civil aviation.

Mrs. Rain, residing at the Arlington Hotel, has reported the loss of a pair of spectacles in the Central district.

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## Father Christmas Shoots His Rival

BERLIN, DECEMBER 28.  
DISGUISED IN THE LONG WHITE BEARD AND RED CLOAK OF FATHER CHRISTMAS, HUGO GERWANSKI, FORTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD BERLIN BUSINESS MAN, WALKED ON CHRISTMAS EVE INTO THE HOME OF A YOUNG COUPLE WHO HAD BEEN HIS BEST FRIENDS, SHOT DEAD THE HUSBAND, TRIED TO SHOOT THE WIFE, THEN KILLED HIMSELF.

Eighteen months ago, after Gerwanski's wife had left him, the young couple, twenty-six-year-old Erich Raasch and his pretty blonde wife, threw open their house to him.

But Gerwanski fell in love with Frau Irma Raasch and went to the house again and again. While her husband, a young clerk, worked in his office, Gerwanski pleaded with Frau Raasch to leave her husband and go away with him.

She refused. Finally she told her husband. The husband ordered Gerwanski to keep away from the house for ever. For a fortnight they did not see him.

Then, on Christmas Eve, it was revealed yesterday, their landlady announced: "Father Christmas has come."

### WIFE LAUGHED

Father Christmas walked in. He did not speak and they did not recognise him. After handing round packets of sweets he drew a revolver. Raasch and his wife laughed, thinking it was part of the play. Suddenly he pointed it at Raasch and fired.

Frau Raasch, screaming, ran into another room. Gerwanski followed her and she knocked the revolver out of his hand. As he stooped to pick it up she turned the key.

A moment later she heard the shot with which Gerwanski killed himself.

To-night Frau Raasch is in hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown.

## BRITISH TREASURY RETURNS

London, To-day.

Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £518,047,998 against £508,464,823 a year ago.

Total expenditure less selfbalancing items is £767,715,416 against £678,801,065 at the corresponding date of 1938.—British Wireless.

## GERMANY AND MANCHURIA

Tokyo, To-day.

On Monday, the German Ambassador received in Tokyo the Manchuria economic mission, prior to its return to Hankow.

The Manchukuo Ambassador in Tokyo and his staff were present at the reception as well as representatives of Japanese and German economic interests and of the Japanese defence forces.—Trans-Ocean.

## THOUSAND POUNDS FOR TEA CASKET

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN THE CITY OF LONDON YESTERDAY MORNING £1,156 WAS BID FOR A CASKET CONTAINING ABOUT THIRTY-EIGHT POUNDS OF EMPIRE-GROWN TEA. THE MONEY WILL GO TO CHARITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TEA INDUSTRY.

Occasion was the celebration of the centenary of Empire tea. The Lord Mayor attended and auctioned the casket, which was first sealed and will not be opened until the next centenary.

A much larger casket containing Empire tea and inscribed with the Royal Arms was sent to Buckingham Palace for the King and Queen.—British Wireless.

## GLUT OF WHEAT ON MARKET

London, To-day.

Representatives of the governments of the twenty-two wheat-producing countries members of the International Wheat Advisory Committee met in London yesterday to consider the position arising out of the large world carry-over from the good harvests of the past year.

In the light of reports being considered at the present meeting, the Committee will decide whether it is necessary to summon a new International Wheat Conference.—British Wireless.

## ADMIRAL LEAVING ON CRUISE

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, and accompanied by H.M.S. Falmouth, will leave on a Southern cruise on Sunday, January 15, visiting Saigon and Manila.

The Kent is expected back in the Colony on February 2.

## WHEAT GIFT ARRIVES

Chungking, To-day.

The first shipment, 2,400 tons of wheat donated by the U.S. Red Cross Society to relieve Chinese refugees has arrived in China, according to a Shanghai message.

Of this amount 80 tons is to be unloaded at Hong Kong for relief of refugees in south China and the remaining 1,800 tons in Shanghai.—Central News.

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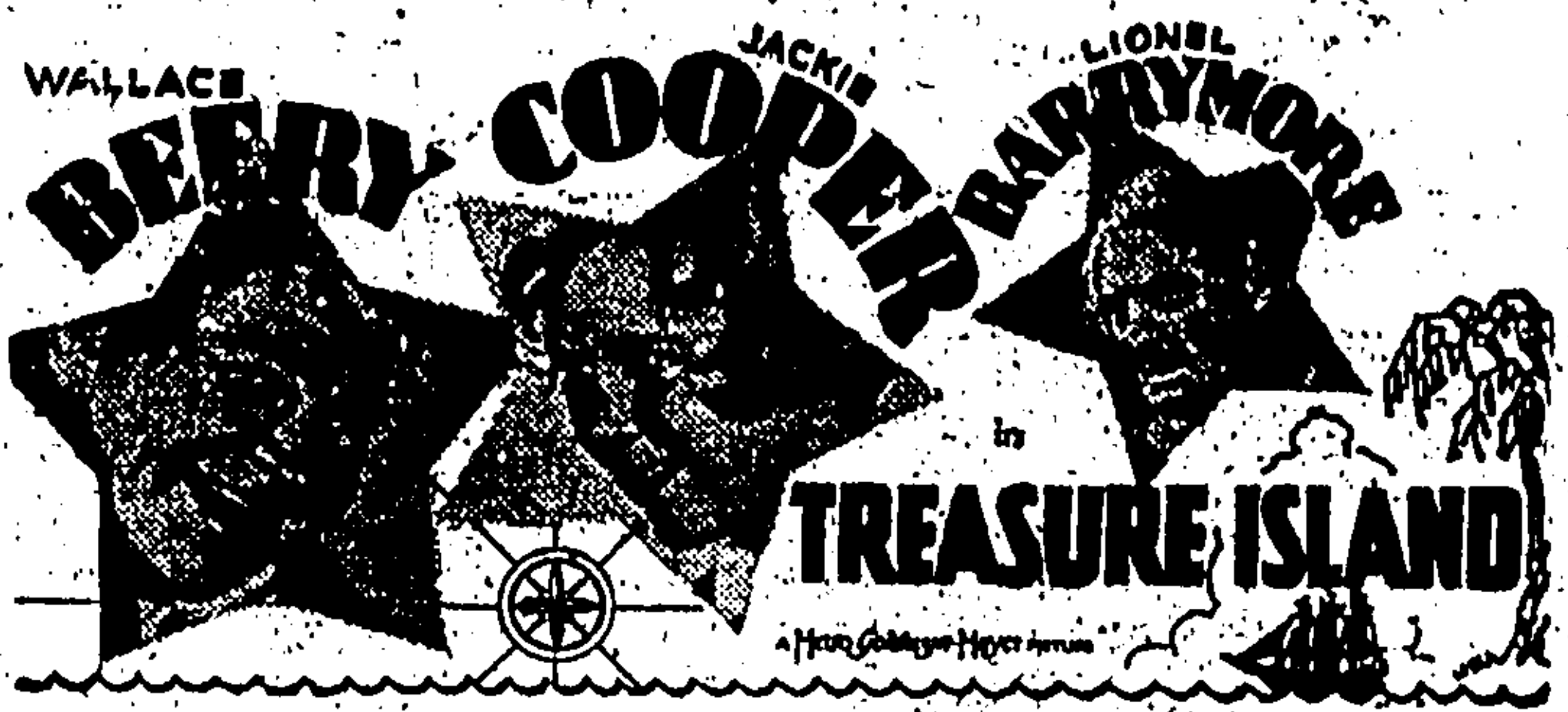
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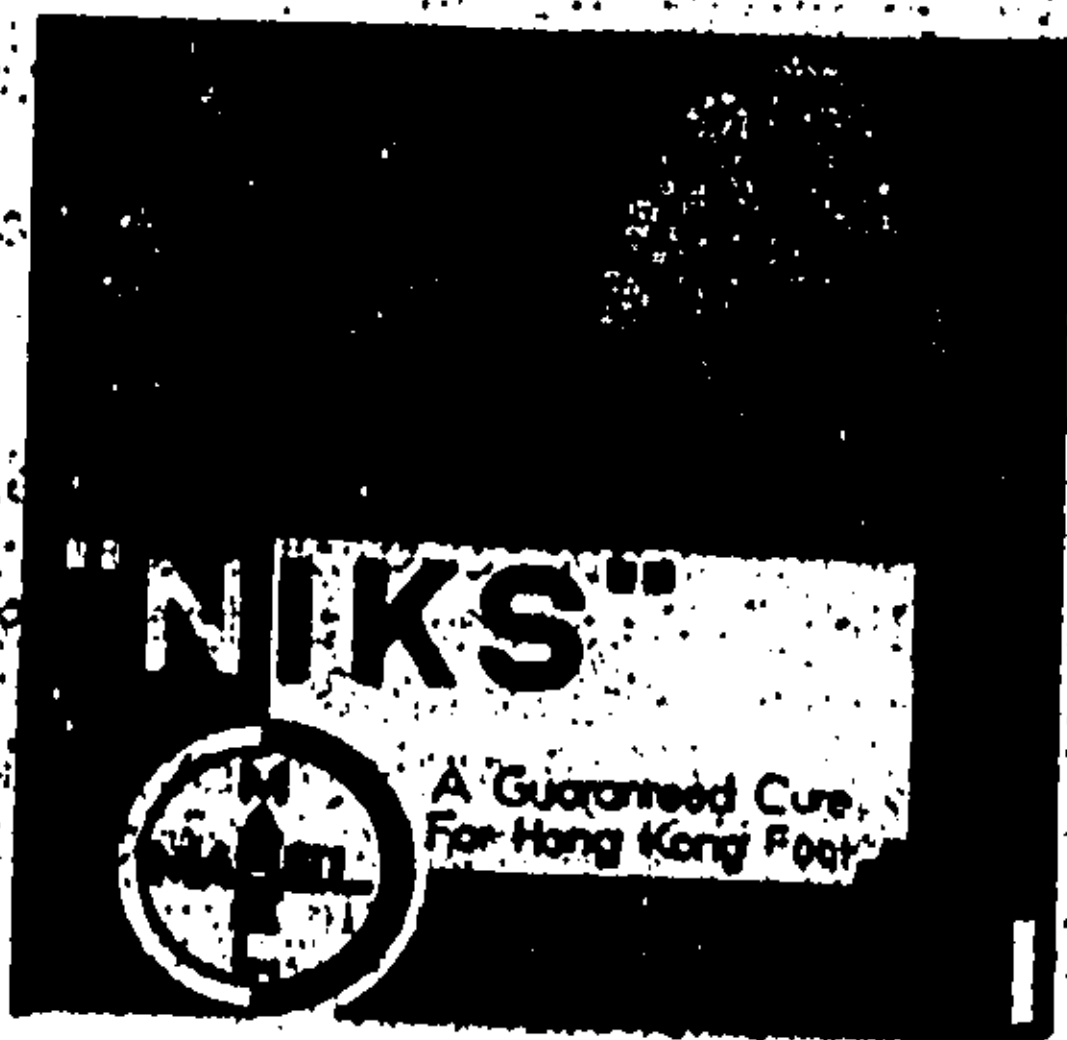
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## LIMIT OF FRANCE'S CONCESSIONS TO IL DUCE

Paris, To-day.

Further details regarding the Anglo-French ministerial talks in Paris were made known here last evening.

Although official circles continue to repudiate the idea of British mediation in the Franco-Italian dispute, it would appear that the British Ministers have been authorized to explain the French position to the Italian statesmen and to get them to discuss the issues through direct diplomatic channels.

Following the exchange of views between London and Paris during the last few days, France and Britain, it is learned, are agreed on a common attitude.

Impression prevailed last evening that France is prepared to make three concessions in an effort to arrive at an understanding with Italy:

First, France is prepared to accept the Italian claim to a post on the Board of Directors of the Suez Canal Company.

Secondly, France is prepared to accord Italy certain rights in Tunisia, as already provided for the Laval-Mussolini Agreement.

Thirdly, France would be prepared under certain circumstances come to an agreement concerning the Djibouti-Addis Ababa Railway.

It is emphasised that France and Britain are determined to maintain the status quo in the Mediterranean.

Among other things dealt with in the course of ministerial talks in Paris, it is understood, the guarantee given to Czechoslovakia by virtue of the Munich Agreement.

It is felt, however, that this is not a matter of pressing concern:—Trans-Ocean.

### MANY EXPERTS AT PARIS CONFERENCE

Paris, To-day.

The Anglo-French political talks started immediately after tea which was served in the Salon de la Rotonde adjoining the French Foreign Minister's office in the Quai d'Orsay.

Besides Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, Sir Alexander Cadogan and Mr. Maurice Ingram, of the Foreign Office, and Sir Eric Phipps, the Ambassador, were present, while M. Daladier and M. Bonnet were accompanied by M. Alexis Leger, Secretary-General of the Quai d'Orsay, M. Rochat, Assistant Director of Political Affairs, and M. Bressy, of the Foreign Ministry.—Reuter.

### CAR STOLEN

A car belonging to Mr. T. Lumsden, of the Dairy Farm, No. 730, between 7.15 and 10.10 p.m. yesterday, was stolen from the Pedder Street car park.

Kwok Yuk-shing, 23-years-old baker, was to-day charged at the Central Police Court with possession of a knife, fit for an unlawful purpose, and threatening behaviour toward P. C. 509, the arresting officer. Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges and was fined \$25 on each count, or 6 weeks hard labour.

## BRITISH NOTE MAKES POSITION CLEAR

London, To-day.

The British Ambassador in Paris, Sir Eric Phipps, handed to the French Foreign Minister, Georges Bonnet, a written assurance of the British Government that the latter fully supports the French attitude towards the Italian demands regarding Tunisia, Corsica and Nice, state reports from Paris received here last night.

Simultaneously with this announcement, reports are published in London to the effect that the Franco-British exchange of views that took place in Paris yesterday afternoon resulted in British endorsement of the French attitude.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, is said to have explained the British line of thought.

Great importance is attached to the meeting that has been arranged to take place in Geneva next Sunday between Lord Halifax and M. Georges Bonnet.

In the Paris conversations yesterday afternoon the question of the Czechoslovak frontier guarantee is said to have been discussed.—Trans-Ocean.

## DEPRIVED OF BAIL PRIVILEGE

A vegetable stall master, Ip Chi, 41, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, charged with assaulting a woman, Chan Tai, 45, and causing grievous bodily harm in Waterloo Road yesterday.

The man, who had been released on \$50 bail, was ordered to be detained in police custody this morning after the magistrate had been informed by Det.-Sgt. Johnston that the woman was in hospital in a serious condition.

The case was adjourned for three days.

Charged with stealing lead bullets, the property of the Hong Kong Police Department, at the Revolver Range Park, yesterday, Li Yiu, 35, was fined \$10 or three weeks' hard labour this morning by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon.



# AMBASSADORS PAINT DISMAL PICTURE FOR PEACE

Mr. Kennedy And Mr. Bullitt Meet Congressmen

## CRISIS OF FIRST MAGNITUDE LOOMING

Washington, To-day.

Appearing at a joint private sitting of the military affairs committee of the House and Senate yesterday, the United States Ambassadors to Britain and to France gave first-hand accounts of the European situation.

One congressman said afterwards that the two Ambassadors "outlined European affairs," step by step from the time of the Munich Conference and showed the trend of affairs." He added: "It certainly was a dismal picture for peace."

Another Committee member said that both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Bullitt dealt partly with the Anglo-French foreign policies and of the chances the two nations had of "appeasing" Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler. He said they appeared none too hopeful over the prospects.

The two diplomats were before the committee for almost two hours and it is reliably stated that they made no recommendations for increasing the American defence forces but confined themselves to painting a picture of the "utterly chaotic" conditions in Europe.

### REYNOLDS THREAT

Senator Reynolds who was one of those present, created a stir at the end of the meeting by announcing that he would shortly make a speech in the Senate disclosing everything said at yesterday's secret session.

There are indications that his colleagues will try to dissuade him.

Committee members revealed that there had been some discussion on the report said to have been made by Col. Lindbergh on Germany's air strength and stated that the Ambassadors had represented Germany as being glad the report had been made but explained that Col. Lindbergh's information largely confirmed that already outlined by military observers.

### LONG FACES

All the members left the meeting with long faces. Several did not disguise the serious situation which the Ambassadors had revealed.

One member declared: "The British Empire and France are both facing a crisis of the first magnitude."

If the hearing was designed, as many suppose here, to facilitate President Roosevelt's huge rearmaments programme, it seems at first sight to have been singularly successful.—Reuter.

Between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Monday, an electric switch was stolen from the first floor of Exchange Building.

Mr. F. Lawrence, of the Y.M.C.A., has informed the police that he lost a cigarette case in the Peninsula Hotel at about midnight on Sunday.

## INDIAN MEDICAL UNIT GOING TO YENAN

Dr. Atal, head of the Indian Medical Unit which in recent months has been active in various parts of China, has just paid a flying visit to Hong Kong. He returned to Chungking yesterday, taking with him fresh medical equipment and supplies.

His journey will take him via Indo-China to Kunming, the Yunnan province, and then across the newly-completed Kunming-Chungking highway.

Since they passed through the Colony several months ago the Indian doctors have played a prominent part in the relief of wounded, organising hospitals in Central and Western China and training Chinese doctors to replace those killed in the field or through bombing.

Dr. Atal himself has had several exciting experiences. The vessel which took the unit from Hankow to Ichang, on the Yangtse River, missed being bombed by only a few hours. A later steamer the same day was hit by an incendiary bomb and sunk: her passengers and crew were machine-gunned. The hospital at Ichang where the doctors worked was bombed a fortnight after their departure up-river to Chungking. Twenty patients were killed and the doctors' quarters demolished.

### GOING TO YENAN

The party is now making preparations to Yen-an, the Red stronghold in Shensi province, which is also the cradle of China's guerilla fighters. A much-needed base hospital will be established there. Once this hospital is under way, with local doctors filling the place of the Indians, Dr. Atal and his companions intend to attach themselves to one or several of the many guerilla units active in this area.

Dr. Atal stated that the Indian community in Hong Kong had done sterling work in raising funds and donating medical supplies.

"Their response was unbelievable," he said. "I am very proud of my countrymen in Hong Kong."

## PEIPING AND CHINA LOANS

Peiping, To-day.  
The Peiping "provisional government" has issued a statement declining to assume responsibility for repayment of the loans Britain and America are allegedly making to the Chiang Kai-shek Government.—Reuter.

## BELGIUM TIRED OF SPANISH MOCKERY

Brussels, To-day.

The threat that Belgium would withdraw from the non-intervention committee unless the committee was able to carry out its decisions, and particularly the withdrawal of volunteers from Spain, was made by the Premier, M. Paul Spaak, in a statement to the press.

M. Spaak's statement followed a meeting of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Commission.

He added: "Belgium has applied the principles of non-intervention with vigorous loyalty, and she is under a moral obligation to reconsider her position if the non-intervention committee is unable to ensure the decisions being carried out."—Reuter.

## JOSE LUIS DIEZ CREW TO BE TAKEN HOME

Gibraltar, To-day.

The captain, officers and crew of the Republican Spanish destroyer "Jose Luis Diez" will be sent to a Spanish Government port to-day, according to a reliable authority.

The men have been interned in the British barracks here following the destroyer's gallant but unsuccessful attempt to run the gauntlet to Republican Spain last month.

She ran into superior Spanish Nationalist naval forces in the Straits and was beached after a plucky fight.

The men will be sent on board the destroyers H.M.S. Glowworm and H.M.S. Greyhound.—Reuter.

## J.C.J.L. FINE

Mr. F. W. Fowlie, of the J. C. J. L. appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, in connection with a summons for failing to supply list of passengers of non-Chinese race.

It was alleged that an Iranian passenger arrived in the Colony by the s. s. Tjibadak, on December 29. This was not reported.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Lieut. B. Blanchford, of No. 7 Aimai Villas, has reported the theft from his residence of an overcoat with a pair of gloves in the pocket.

## MR. KENNEDY FEARS World War May Start In The Spring

Washington, To-day.

"The world war may start in the Spring," the United States Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, told the joint military affairs committee of both Houses of Congress when reporting on the European situation, according to a member of the committee.

Mr. William Bullitt, U.S. Ambassador to France, is said to have concurred.

Mr. Kennedy is quoted as predicting that war might break out as result of a German invasion of the Ukraine or an Italian attempt to seize Tunis.

Mr. Kennedy is said to have submitted to the committee certain data in regard to the German air strength, compiled by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

The data credits Germany with a first-line strength of 10,000 planes and an output of 1,200 a month.

Mr. Kennedy is quoted as saying that the lesson from all of this was the need for preparedness.—Reuter.

## MUSICA BROTHERS PLEAD GUILTY

New York, To-day.

The three surviving brothers of Philip Musica, alias Donald Coster, the ex-convict chief of the drug firm of McKesson, Robbins, who committed suicide, yesterday pleaded guilty before the Federal Court to charges of violating the Securities Act.

Sentence was postponed to February 6.—Reuter.



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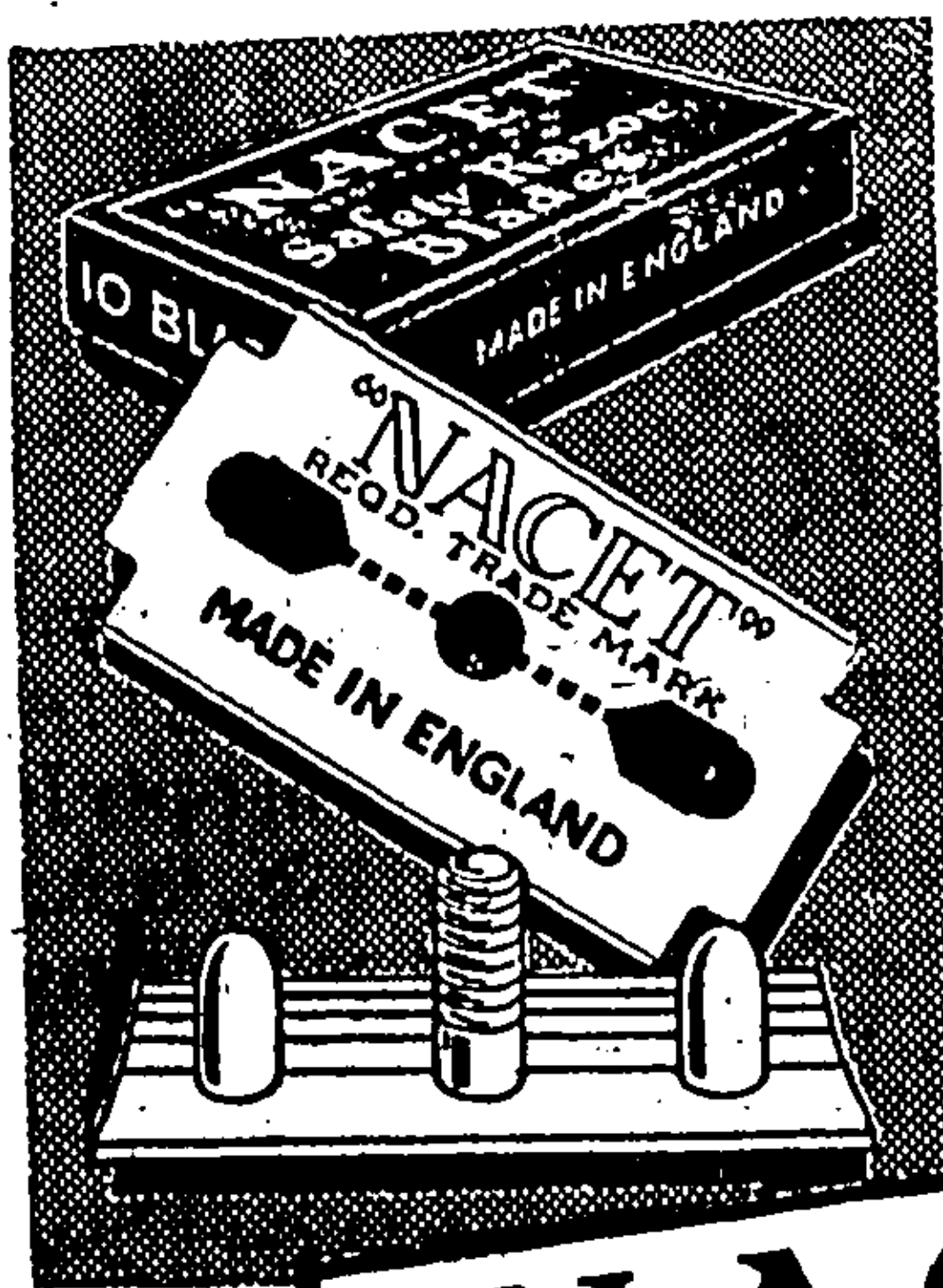
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# HE GOT THE JOB, BUT—

Everything depended upon Peggy. If Eric Merrie approved of Peggy, Otis would get the appointment to the Cuban office of the National Power company. Otis was sure of everyone but Peggy.

"You understand how important it is, don't you, Peggy. I've wanted this job for a long while. It means a lot. You—you'll be nice to Mr. Merrie?"

"Why must I see him?" Peggy asked.

"Why? Because we're engaged to be married, that's why. He's going to be in town for three days, and naturally I'll want to entertain him, have him meet some of my friends. Especially," he added meaningly, "my future wife. I'll want him to know that he need have no fears regarding our ability to maintain a—er—social front as representatives of his firm."

"You mean," asked Peggy, her eyes glowing, "that if you are appointed we'll be married and you'll take me to Cuba to live?"

"Naturally," said Otis. "Oh!" said Peggy. "Then it is important, isn't it? I'll be extra nice, Otis. I'll buy some new clothes and everything!"

Otis sighed with relief. Perhaps he had been a little hasty about pro-

The party was a great success—up until 11 o'clock. Then Mr. Merrie, who had drunk no more cocktails than anyone else present and who shouldn't, therefore, be feeling any more gay, declared he'd like to climb the hill in back of the house and watch the moon rise. He said to-night the moon was due to arrive at 11:21.

Everybody stared at him in amazement; and Otis, thinking quickly, was on the point of laughingly suggesting that Mr. Merrie go to bed and sleep it off, when Peggy said unexpectedly: "That hill's no place to watch the moon. There's a better one down on the Sanborn road. You wait till I get into some comfortable clothes and I'll show you."

Otis tried, without making a scene, to discourage Peggy. He didn't want Mr. Merrie to think that she was in the habit of acting so unladylike. He knew what she meant by "comfortable clothes." He tried to give Mr. Merrie the idea that she had had too much to drink.

"Oh, let us have some fun," Mr. Merrie said. "By the way, Whitehead, is Miss Crichton the girl you're going to marry and take to Cuba with you?"

Otis was on the point of saying yes. Then, like lightning, a thought crossed his mind. He set his lips firmly.

By Meredith Scholl

missing to marry Peggy so soon, but that could be ironed out later—after he got the appointment. He supposed sometime he and Peggy would have to get married. Public opinion would force them. They had grown up together, their parents had been friends, and there had been an understanding between them for years. Yet Otis would have preferred to let things drift along for quite a few years more.

Otis approved of the new clothes Peggy bought. For the first time since he could remember she looked something more than casual. But he didn't see beyond the clothes. He didn't see that it was the background Peggy's natural beauty gave the new clothes that made them stunning. He wasn't used to looking that far.

Mr. Merrie proved to be much younger and more handsome than either Otis or Peggy had anticipated. But there was a business-like air of efficiency about him that pleased Otis greatly. A man who was efficient could see at once that Otis was suited to the Cuban post.

If Otis still entertained fears that Peggy might create an embarrassing situation, they were banished the first evening. The three of them sat in the living-room of the Old Whitehead house (Otis had inherited the place) and discussed Cuba and the new job in a very businesslike fashion. Peggy was sedate and eager and she kept her mouth shut, which was a big relief to Otis.

Mr. Merrie didn't give his decision right away. He wanted, he said, to talk to two or three other men in town first. Otis was frantic. He didn't know that anyone else in town was being considered. But he managed to suppress his disappointment, and urged Mr. Merrie to attend a party he was planning for the next evening. Mr. Merrie said he'd be delighted.

"No," he said, "she's just an old friend." Then he turned and saw Peggy standing in the doorway, staring at him. He could have bitten his tongue off, because now she certainly would be justified in acting naturally.

Otis waited in an agony of suspense for Mr. Merrie and Peggy to return. He heard them long before they reached the house. They were singing. They came into the living-room, laughing and happy and red-cheeked from the cold. Mr. Merrie came directly up to Otis.

"Whitehead," he said, "you get the job."

Otis gulped. He stared. And suddenly he knew a pang of remorse. He had misjudged Peggy. She hadn't let him down. She was a good, sweet kid. He must tell her so, and explain things, before he left for Cuba.

"That's fine, Mr. Merrie. Thank you. When do we leave?"

"We?"

"You and—me?"

"Ho!" said Mr. Merrie. "I'm not going. I've something important to attend to here." He glanced at Peggy.

Peggy smiled. And Otis—Otis wondered if he was as smart as he thought.

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# KWANGTUNG'S PLIGHT UNDER JAPANESE HEEL

## At Least Three Hundred Villages Razed Fate Of A People At Stake

Commenting on the tragedy of Kwangtung under Japanese invasion, "The Rock" in its latest issue says:

Though Hong Kong is politically neutral, and its attitude in this matter is scrupulously correct, yet it would be very strange if the sympathy of those who live here were not on the side of those who form the great majority of the population.

One still remembers how much indignation was aroused during the Great War, not merely in allied possessions but in any community of allied peoples, if it became known that some living among them withheld sympathy from the cause for which the nations were fighting and were concerned only with business interests.

The position is not different here, and its seriousness is accentuated by the fact that it is not the fate of a country but of a people that is at stake.

### HUGE AREA DEVASTATED

In a comparatively small area east and north-east of Hong Kong, at least three hundred villages are known to have been razed to the ground; systematic war has been waged on the civilian population, and before the winter is over the dread spectre of famine may appear in South China. It is impossible for people with ordinary human feelings to be indifferent to events which produce such results, and if any people are, and show themselves, indifferent, a new barrier must necessarily arise between them and those whose brothers and sisters and friends are suffering.

The causes of the war must necessarily enter into any consideration of the attitude of Hong Kong's foreign population to it, for even in our grossly degenerate day the moral cause of any action must still be taken into account.

### RIDICULOUS

To destroy communism and to put an end to unfriendliness towards Japan are the reasons which Japan has given us over and over again for waging the present war. Applied to the war in South China the reasons appear ridiculous. Communism in Canton and in the Kwangtung province was wiped out by a wave of popular feeling which resulted in violence little less sweeping than that which introduced it into the province.

Even more amazing are the claims, still repeated, that this war is being waged to win the friendship of the Chinese people. Japanese planes over Shumchun dropped on to British as well as Chinese territory picture leaflets that are this year's most popular Christmas cards. They must be among the most puerile attempts at propaganda ever put forward by people that claim to be intelligent. They consisted of crudely-drawn cartoons, badly printed and gaudily coloured, appealing to the Chinese to regard the Japanese as their friends and to cease fighting against them.

### CHANGED SENTIMENTS

It happened that in Kwangtung there were some villages that were not unfriendly to the idea of Japanese suzerainty.

The people in these places had suffered so much from conflicting authority that they were ready to accept, though not to welcome, Japanese rule.

Their sentiments have changed now. They have seen the supposed champions of order visiting each house and threatening to shoot the men if they did not hand over their women, and they have in many cases seen the women throw themselves into the lakes rather than return home after the treatment

## MENZEL TO PLAY BLIND, PLEADS FOR GERMANY FOR EYES OF A MURDERER

Berlin, To-day.  
Germany has filed her entry for the Davis Cup tie contest in 1939, according to a statement issued here yesterday.

The German Davis Cup team will this time consist of Henner Henkel as captain, the South German, Roderich Menzel, George von Metaxa and Hans Redl.

The Berlin player, Rolf Goepfert, will act as emergency.—Trans-Ocean.

## OFFICER IN FATAL ACCIDENT

A 38-year-old Chinese, named Ng Hing, was fatally injured yesterday, when he was knocked down by motor car No. 1726, driven by Lt. Com. Caddy of Kai Tack, in the Ngau Shi Wan Road.

they received at the hands of the Japanese. The utter destruction of any feeling of friendship with Japan is the one definite result of the war in South China.

## Mrs. Clark Gable Talks At Last—"I'm Still His Wife"

Hollywood, Dec. 18.  
Clark Gable's estranged wife, Mrs. Rhea Gable, to-day flung down a dramatic challenge to his plans to divorce her.

"I'm still his wife . . . I resent any reflection on my status as Mrs. Gable," she said in a special interview.

Breaking silence after Hollywood gossipers have spent weeks talking of the Gables' marital tangle, she made it clear that great obstacles must be overcome before her husband can fulfil the popular forecast by marrying glamorous \$97,000-a-year Carole Lombard.

Early this week Clark startled Hollywood by announcing he would seek to divorce his wife, as she had failed to take the opportunities he had given her to start divorce action herself.

Receiving me in her home here to-day, forty-eight-year-old Mrs. Gable said:

"The announcement that Mr. Gable is going to obtain divorce is a complete surprise to me."

"I've tried to maintain the dignity becoming the wife of a man of my husband's standing. I've never said anything derogatory of him or any of his friends. I shan't do so now."

"I'm still his wife, and the matter of divorce has never been broached by me."

"Further, I resent any reflections on my status as his wife."

Asked about a report that she had already received \$57,200 in cash

from Gable through a property settlement, she replied:

"I'm equally at a loss to understand from what source that statement has come."

"The subject of our property agreement is still under litigation. When the figures are worked out it will be found that I've received very much less than the amount claimed for me."

"I believe our legal advisers can settle fairly any dispute over property."

While Mrs. Gable was revealing her long-guarded sentiments to the "Sunday Pictorial," her famous "he-man" husband was on a hunting expedition in the Arizona mountain lion country.

He fled there after announcing his startling divorce plan.

### THRICE WED

Clark Gable, whose name has long been romantically linked with Carole Lombard, has a ten-year contract bringing him thousands of pounds a week.

Under Californian law Mrs. Gable is entitled to half these earnings.

Twice married before, she was forty-one when she became Mrs. Gable in 1931.—Clark was thirty.

She has a married daughter as old as the leading ladies in her husband's pictures.

It was Gable's second marriage. Years ago, before he reached fame, he married Josephine Dillon. He was ten years younger than his bride.

William Lewis, a brilliant young Colorado politician, blind from an accident, will shortly be led into Canon City Prison, Colorado, to plead with a confessed killer for the gift of sight.

Lewis, using every possible argument, will urge Joe Arridy, twenty-eight, to submit to an operation for the removal of his eyes before he marches to an electric chair in mid-January.

The cornea from these eyes would be grafted into the sightless eyes of Lewis.

Then, once again he would see, and, in his own words, "dedicate myself to the service of humanity."

For a month now doctors and friends of Lewis have been imploring Arridy to be operated on.

Arridy storms with fury at the suggestion.

"You're going to kill me," he yells.

"Isn't that enough. D'you want to blind me too?"

Attempts have been made to compel Arridy by legal means to submit to this sacrifice, but they have failed.

So now Lewis a pathetic figure, will feel his way into the death cell, point to his blind eyes in an effort to win Arridy's sympathy.

Arridy, known as "the Erotic Imbecile," murdered a fifteen-year-old girl with a hatchet as she lay in bed with a younger sister.

Lewis was blinded last year by a tear-gas bomb that exploded in his hand.



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## BURDEN OF ARMAMENTS

It would be difficult, in the annals of human folly, to discover anything quite so fantastic as the present prodigious squandering of the wealth of nations on the creation of instruments for their mutual destruction. Hardly a week passes but the report comes from one quarter or another of new outlays, fresh burdens and growing budget deficits.

In 1937, according to the League of Nations Armaments Year Book, the aggregate world expenditure on armaments was estimated at \$2,400,000,000, a figure which probably errs, if anything, on the low side. At the existing rate of expansion it can only be a matter of a year or two till the \$3,000,000,000 mark is reached. Even in 1932, before the armaments race began, the world expenditure, at \$1,300,000,000, was already sufficiently colossal, yet today we look back upon it as an ideal to which we would all of us only too gladly return if we could. That, unhappily, is more than we dare hope. But no one can refrain from asking himself how much longer the nations can go on standing not only the material but the psychological strain. Mr. Chamberlain, in a recent speech, sounded the note of warning when he remarked that "the process of piling up armaments, for whatever cause, must in time exhaust the resources of any nation"—resources which, as he humanely added, "should properly be devoted to the advancement of the prosperity and happiness of its own people."

To assess with any precision the extent of the fall in national standards of living through the cost of rearmament is not easy. It is especially difficult in the case of one of the most lavish of the spenders, Germany. Nothing, for example, can be deduced from the German cost of living indices, which for some years have remained remarkably and suspiciously stable. Thanks partly to a totalitarian system of price control, partly to the inclusion of items which are rarely, if ever, obtainable in the shops, the indices are largely fictitious. But by a consensus of opinion among competent observers both the quantity and the quality of many of the ordinary necessities of life have progressively diminished. In Italy's case it is sufficient commentary on existing conditions that the per

capita consumption of almost every main ingredient in the national diet is below—in some instances substantially below—the level of 10 years ago. In our own case, on the other hand, such is the strength of our economy, the standard of living of the masses is demonstrably at least as high as it was before we began our rearmament programme.

Among the curious features in the situation is that the nations which are always complaining of extent of the fall in national standard their "poverty" are the very ones which have chosen the role of pacemakers in rearmament. Great Britain, who can afford a good deal, lagged far behind in the race till she was forced into it by the rapid armaments expansion of some of the soi-disant "have-nots" Germany, the biggest pacemaker of them all, is a country of whose lack of resources her rulers are constantly reminding the people. Japan, the poorest of them all, is the country which is always standing out for larger and more expensive battleships. In the case of Germany the ingenuity of Dr. Schacht has succeeded in shrouding the public finances in a veil of complete mystery. No one knows the total amount of the revenues, or the amount of public borrowing, or how much from either source is spent on armaments. But we have it on high authority that "the National Socialist Government will never tolerate material hindrance to the execution of its great economic tasks arising from any kind of bread-down in financing." The greatest of these "economic tasks" is, of course, that of meeting the bill for armaments, and we may take it that the only limit is the degree of sacrifice which the public is prepared to tolerate, or is compelled to tolerate. The same probably applies, though in a lesser degree, to Italy. On the other hand, the totalitarian rulers are under the ever-pressing need of showing spectacular "results" to compensate for the sacrifices—a process which, by its reactions abroad, only intensifies the armaments race. And so the circle becomes every more vicious.

A point must obviously come where the pinch can no longer be borne. Upon this it is as certain as anything can be that great Britain and the United States are the two that will be able to last the longest. Our armaments bill is a grievous burden which is annually enlarging our already mountainous national debt and imposing heavy sacrifices on the taxpayer. But our public finances, through it all, remain absolutely sound, and will continue so. Moreover we are obtaining, and shall continue to obtain, all the imports of raw materials that we need, without any imposition of restrictions of control, and without any straining after an impossible self-sufficiency. Above all, the Government and the nation are unanimously and inflexibly resolved to face whatever sacrifices may be required to put the country in a state of impregnable defence. All these considerations apply in an equal, or even greater, degree to the United States, whose resources are inexhaustible, and who has made it plain that she will not stint in their utilisation for ensuring the safety of the country.

Nevertheless, we are engaged in a competition which was not of our seeking and which we would only too willingly abandon if the other participants would agree with us. This is an aim shared by the whole nation without division of party. Is it impossible to hope that a returning sanity may yet bring to a tortured world relief from the hideous infliction under which all the nations are now groaning?



# MORE TALK AND IT STILL REMAINS TALK OF POSITIVE ACTION

London, To-day.

Prolific reports continue to appear in the newspapers that the British Government is preparing positive action in the not distant future for defence of British trade and support of China. The "Birmingham Post" declares: "Soon after the reassembly of Parliament, the Government will be in a position to announce the steps to be taken for the defence of British interests in the Far East."

Well-informed persons regard this as considerably exceeding the actualities.

## CHEFOO "NAVAL NECESSITY"

Peiping, To-day.

It is reported from Chefoo that the Japanese authorities there are bringing into force on Jan. 15 control of foreign exchange transactions similar to those in force in Tsingtao for some time. Reason given is "naval necessity."—Reuter.

## ANTHONY EDEN: IN PRAISE OF ROOSEVELT

London, To-day.

The definition of President Roosevelt of the American attitude to the problems of the modern world would surely become historic, declared Mr. Anthony Eden speaking as a guest at the dinner of the American Chamber of Commerce in London yesterday.

The former Foreign Secretary added: "The speech is in itself a masterpiece of clarity and candour, but it is something more than that."

"It is a signpost which points the way along which all liberty loving nations of the world would wish to travel."

"I am sure my British friends will agree with me when I say it is difficult to exaggerate the tonic effect of this speech upon the British people."—Reuter.

## FOREIGNERS KIDNAPPED UNDER JAPANESE EYES

Peiping, To-day.

An Italian, Frank Poletti, who is Postal Commissioner for the Peiping area, with a Russian lady and three Russian servants, were kidnapped near the Ming Tombs yesterday.

The kidnappers released one of the servant with a demand for post. — Reuter.

The "Financial News" thinks that the Government is seriously considering two courses of action, one of direct support of the Chinese Government firstly by a currency loan, and the other, measures designed to "have a more direct influence on the trade and finance of Japan than upon the powers of Chinese resistance."

### NO EMBARGO YET

The "Financial News," however, learns that the Government has no intention of imposing a general embargo on Japanese exports to Britain at present.

Part of the difficulty in the way of trade retaliation, Reuter learns, is the objections of vested interests in the Dominions which are doing business with Japan in metals and cottonwool.

It is understood that Washington is similarly hampered by oil, cotton, scrap and machine-tool interests.

### PROTESTS INADEQUATE

On the other hand, it cannot be doubted that the British Government's attitude is hardening, and opinion is gaining ground that nothing is to be gained by diplomatic protests.

Nothing legally prevents Great Britain lending help to China, but as regards direct defence of British interests in the Far East, there is ground for believing that the Government may send to Japan a comprehensive Note comparable to that of America on December 31 as a final effort to obtain redress of British complaints before trying "sterner measures."—Reuter.

## CZECHS OFFER NEUTRAL ZONE SUGGESTION

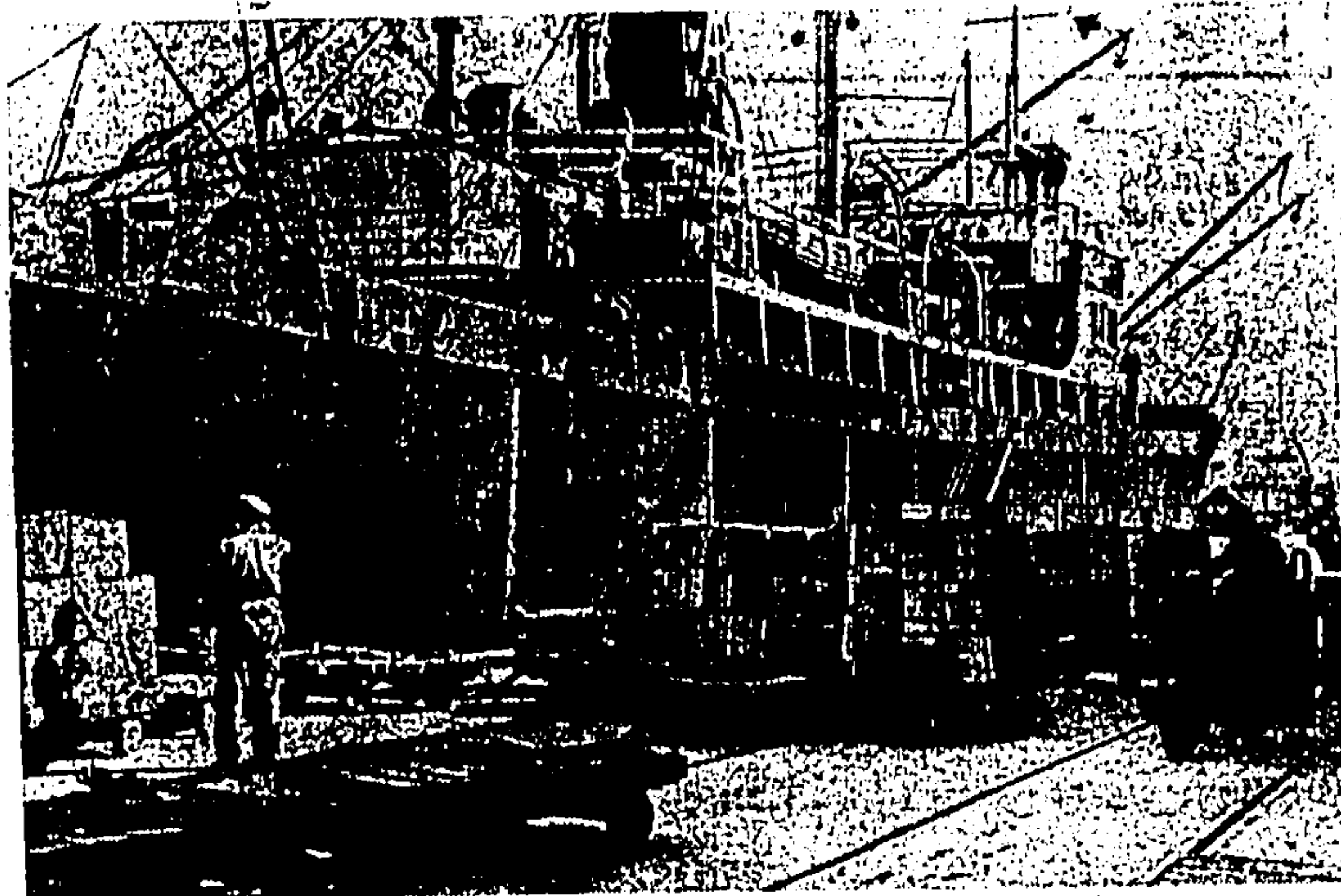
PRAGUE, TO-DAY.

A SUGGESTION THAT THE NEUTRAL ZONE BE EXTENDED ALL ALONG THE FRONTIER BETWEEN CARPATHO-UKRAINE AND HUNGARY IS MADE IN A NOTE FROM CZECHO-SLOVAKIA TO HUNGARY IN REPLY TO THE LATTER'S PROTEST ABOUT THE MUKACEVO INCIDENT.

The Czecho-Slovakian note maintains that the incident originated in shots from the Hungarian side and suggests that the affair, together with the incident at Divhe on Sunday, should be referred to a mixed Czech-Hungarian commission which will be empowered to make final arbitration.—Reuter.

\$30,000 ransom.

The affair occurred 25 miles from Peiping within a stone's throw of a Japanese garrison post. — Reuter.



The trouble in Palestine has not interfered with the orange growing industry. The export season has just commenced, and the first steamers have left the Port of Haifa with half-a-million cases of oranges for London and Liverpool. During the export season, which ends in April, some seven million cases will leave the Port. Photo shows cases of oranges being loaded on board a steamer for shipment to England, at Haifa.

## RIBBENTROP'S WARSAW TRIP

Berlin, To-day.

It is learned from well-informed quarters that the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, will shortly pay a visit to Warsaw in response to the invitation given by the Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Joseph Beck, during his stay at Berchtesgaden last week.

Herr von Ribbentrop's visit

## FRANCO MESSAGE TO IL DUCE

Rome, To-day.

A personal message from General Franco was brought to Mussolini by a special Spanish Nationalist envoy yesterday.—Reuter.

will take place after the visit of the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, to Warsaw.—Reuter.

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# Nothing For Nothing As British Maxim In Rome Conversations

## Complete Identity Of Anglo-French Viewpoints

### CHAMBERLAIN ASSURED OF MOST CORDIAL WELCOME

Rome, To-day.

Although there is no bunting, drum-beating or trumpeting such as greeted Hitler, an atmosphere of genuine cordiality and enthusiasm awaits Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.

While nothing has been said officially in regard to the subjects of discussion, it is thought here, in spite of the London statement that the discussions will be on general lines, that specific details are bound to be broached.

Spain, Franco-Italian relations, Italy's colonial aspirations, the Suez Canal administration, Jewish settlement and Anglo-Italian trade are among the subjects mentioned.

First official welcome to the British Ministers will be at Turin at 8 o'clock this morning.

Their special train is due at Genoa at 10 a.m. and will be welcomed by the civil and military authorities.

#### CIANO WELCOME

The British statesmen are due in Rome at 4.20 in the afternoon, and will be welcomed by Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, other Italian Ministers and members of the British Embassy.

The station will be decorated with flowers and the British and Italian flags.

The British delegation will drive in seven cars headed by Mr. Chamberlain and Count Ciano through troop-lined streets to the Villa Madama, where the visitors are staying.—Reuter.

### BRITISH CABINET RESHUFFLE

London, To-day.

Although it is known that when Mr. Chamberlain returns from Rome a reshuffle within the British Cabinet is planned, no reliable information as to what changes will be made, is yet available.

It is, however, confidently asserted that the post of Dominions Minister which became vacant through the death of Lord Stanley last autumn, and has since been administered by Mr. Malcolm Macdonald in addition to the Colonial Office, will again have a separate Minister.

It is pointed out that Mr. Macdonald is fully occupied at the Colonial Office particularly in connection with tasks arising out of the Palestine question.—Trans-Ocean.

### Great Welcome In Paris During Stop Over

Paris, To-day.

The station was decorated with flags and red carpets when M. Edouard Daladier, the Premier, M. Georges Bonnet, the Foreign Minister, Sir Eric Phipps, British Ambassador, and the Embassy staff welcomed Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Lord Halifax and party when they arrived here en route to Rome last evening.

A large crowd in front of the Gare du Nord cheered and waved as Mr. Chamberlain and M. Daladier, followed by Lord Halifax and M. Bonnet, drove to the Quai d'Orsay.

After a political talk at the Quai d'Orsay lasting seventy minutes, Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, accompanied by M. Daladier and M. Bonnet, drove to the Gare de Lyon and left for Rome at 7.30 p.m.

A communique in regard to the brief Anglo-French talk says: "The general identity of view previously reached by the two Governments was fully confirmed."

It is believed that the French statesmen took the initiative in the conversations, stating their viewpoint in regard to the Italian claims to French territory, and that the British Ministers were "in entire agreement."

#### READY TO LISTEN

The whole situation was reviewed in the light of decisions already taken.

The British Ministers gave an outline of what they would say in Rome, and the French completely agreed.

It is gathered in political circles in Paris that the British Ministers have gone to Rome without the intention of making any particular declaration but rather to listen to the Italian viewpoint, details of which remain a very close secret.

#### IF THEY SHOULD ASK

However, if the Italians should ask the British Ministers' advice they will point out the various steps which they could usefully take.

Firstly, in order to ease the situation in the Mediterranean it is very desirable that the Italians should completely withdraw their troops from Spain.

Secondly, if they desire to straighten out matters with France, the Italians should approach France directly, at the same time calling off their press campaign and agitation.

#### NOTHING FOR NOTHING

It is always possible that they might then obtain, for example, conversion of Djibouti into a free port.

Political circles believe that "nothing for nothing" will be the maxim of the Rome talks.—Reuter.

#### PREPARATIONS FOR RECEPTION

Rome, To-day.

On the eve of the arrival of Mr.

### FRENCH VIEW MADE PLAIN

Paris, To-day.

The fact that M. Bonnet recently sent a note to the French Ambassador in London for the information of the British Government, defining in complete and precise manner the French viewpoint with regard to Italian claims, was disclosed following the Cabinet meeting yesterday.

It was stated that after M. Bonnet had read the note, the Cabinet unanimously approved the position taken up.—Reuter.

### ALLEGED N.T. HOLD-UP BY THREE INDIANS

Three Indians are alleged to have been responsible for a highway hold-up yesterday.

While returning to his village at Law Wai, Sai Kung, at 3.40 p.m. Yau Ti-sang, a fisherman, was stopped, he has informed the police, by three Indians near the "Jat" Incline.

They told him that they were going to take him to the Police Station, marched him towards the Kai Tak Road, then took him off the road, along a path and took three Hong Kong dollar notes from him.

They later returned one dollar to him and took a bus to return to Kowloon.

The Indians were not armed and were dressed in civilian clothes.

#### PORTUGUESE DETAINED

Later.

Although the victim of the affair stated that the men who held him up were Indians, subsequent police investigations, which are continuing, indicate that they may possibly have been Portuguese.

One Portuguese has been detained for questioning in connection with the incident.



Hundreds of ski-ing enthusiasts are now receiving tuition in London from the ski-ing expert M. Schaer. This preliminary coaching enables them to get down to real ski-ing almost immediately they arrive at the winter sports grounds in Switzerland and elsewhere during the season. M. Schaer showing a class how to propel themselves on skis.



# News Snack Bar



The Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, on a brief holiday at Cricieth, has just renewed childhood memories with a visit to the small village of Llanystumdwy, North Wales, where he was brought up. He was accompanied by his daughter Miss Megan, who is M.P. for Anglesey. Photo shows Mr. Lloyd George and Miss Megan beside his favourite river—the River Dwyfawr which flows through the village of Llanystumdwy.

## BLIMP?—NO, IT'S ONLY A MARROW

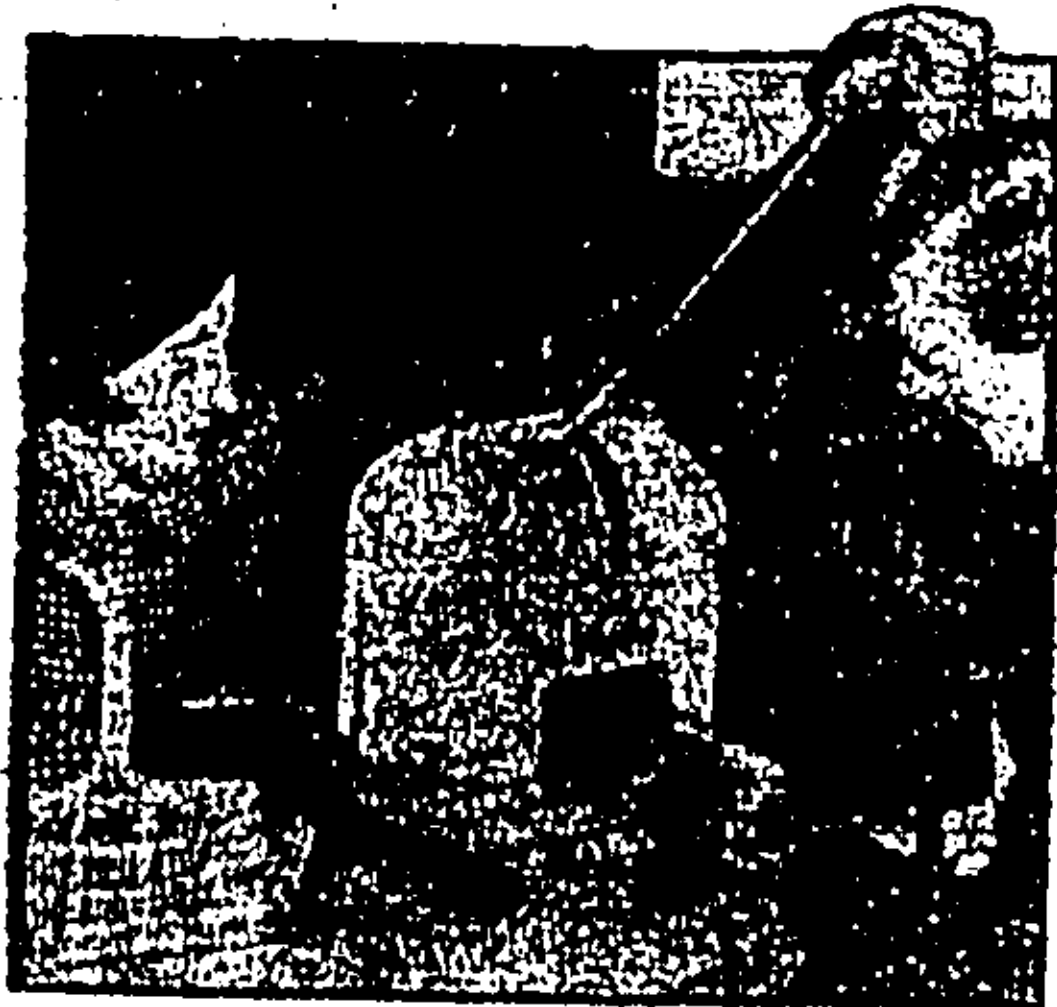
Mr. Spencer Roper, of Ashfield-road, Elmswell, near Stowmarket (Suffolk), has grown a marrow which has astonished farmers and gardeners for miles around.

The marrow, weighing 96lb., is believed to be a record for Britain. It needs two men to lift it, is 32in. long and 4ft. 6in. in circumference.

The marrow is being sent to London, where it will be exhibited. A basket is being specially made to hold it.

## A TENDER THOUGHT

No need to take it out of the steak with a rolling-pin any more, ladies, if this idea, at a Swansea



butcher's, becomes general. It's a machine that makes it tender for you. The steak is placed inside and a number of needles, levered down, break up the fibres.

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## AFTER 500 YEARS

For five centuries farmers living on the famous pastures near Chard (Somerset) have brought their live stock to be sold in the town.

These market days may end soon and with them will go the business of several small shops.

The Ministry of Agriculture has proposed the abolition of many of the smaller markets and Chard is one of them.

If the proposal is carried the loss of business to the shopkeepers will mean ruin for many Farmers and shopkeepers are uniting to fight against the proposal.

## THIS IS SERVICE

Giving the railways a square deal is a speciality of the Morris family of Tonbridge (Kent).

Mr. Albert Morris, of Mabledon-road, Tonbridge, has just received presentations, with a cheque, from the local branch of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, to mark his retirement from the Southern Railway after fifty-one years.

He was thirty-five years a driver.

But that is not all. Mr. Morris's father was forty-eight years with the company. Of his five brothers, William worked on the railway thirty-five years, George forty-eight years, Fred forty-three years, Charles thirty-four years and Stanley, now dead, thirty-four years.

This makes a total for the family of 290 years' railway service. "I won't be bored now I've retired," says Mr. Albert Morris. "My hobbies are gardening—and watching the trains go by."



Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, are taken to Greenwich Park for the purpose of field sketching as part of their training. Photo shows gentlemen cadets at work with the Woolf statue in the background.

## GARBO WANTS TO BE A LOON, AND WILL BE

ONE of history's minor landmarks of 1939 will probably be "Greta Garbo Turns Comedienne." The Swedish star, identified with the screen's most tragic roles for 15 years, has secretly yearned for some time to play comic parts. In fact, up to a point she wants to be a loon.

Her wish is to be realised in her next picture, which is to be directed by Ernst Lubitsch, the world's leading exponent of piquant social comedy in films.

The story, at present called "Ninotchka," is described as a "serio comedy about a Russian girl," and will show her as a young thing from Moscow sent on a commercial mission to Paris.

It is an entirely new departure, for though Greta has been seen to smile for a few seconds in some of her pictures, her characterisations have been, by their very nature, quite humourless.

## MUST HAVE FUN

Lubitsch, on the other hand, bubbles over with humour. If any confirmation were needed, it is the fact that three years ago he was deprived of his German nationality.

"You simply must have fun in every picture," he told me in London this year. "Omitting it is the mistake so many European directors make."

As he is paid £30,000 a year, he should know.

His recent "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" shows that his cunning has not waned. He thought Noel Coward's "Design for Living" not funny enough, so he had the whole thing rewritten.

He has now left the Paramount studios for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to make two films, "Ninotchka" being the first.

## MAY BE AT DENHAM

It is just possible the film may be made in England, for Garbo is one of Metro-Goldwyn's stars for their British production plant. at Denham, where "A Yank at Oxford" and "The Citadel" have already been made.

Garbo has not made a film this year. Most of the time she has been holidaying in Sweden and Italy.

Her reported marriage in Capri to Leopold Stokowski, the conductor, has not been denied by the star, who refuses to say yes or no.

In September she returned to Hollywood, where Aldous Huxley, the English novelist, has written for her a film story of the life of Mme. Curie, joint discoverer of radium.

This subject has now been postponed indefinitely.

## QUEEN OF THE SHOPS

Many towns and villages have beauty queens, but Wellington, Shropshire, has crowned a shopping queen— attractive Miss Betty Blythway, aged seventeen, of Wrekin-road, Wellington.

## SMOKE HERE

Cardiff, largest coal port in the world, is one of the cleanest towns in Britain—because the local coals emit hardly any smoke.

Mr. Thomas Dixon, of Monmouthshire and South Wales Coal Owners' Association, made the claim at the annual conference of the National Smoke Abatement Society at Cardiff.

## UPS — AND DOWNS!

A man with more lives than a sat is thirty-one-year-old Bert Reed, of Richmond-street, Plymouth, who has four times fractured his skull, three times broken a leg, fractured his pelvis, broken both wrists, had his eyes dislodged from their sockets, and received spinal injuries.

Yet he is in first-rate condition.

An amateur steeplejack who has no use for ladders, Bert can climb anything from a cliff to a church steeple, and his only apparatus is twenty-four yards of white Manila cotton rope.

He has fitted hundreds of wireless aerials to rooftops and chimney stacks that electricians feared to climb.

Typical of his many falls was when he slipped in the act of performing his "rope trick" and fell head-first on to a concrete path 30ft. below.

He was rushed to hospital with a double fracture of the skull and both wrists broken.

Police left the rope dangling from the chimney for a fortnight, thinking the coroner would want to see it before the inquest. But Bert recovered. He always does.



JUSTICE AND MERCY. Most people know these famous landmarks, the Old Bailey and St. Paul's Cathedral, but few have seen them from this angle. This is how they look through the lens of a long range camera in Holborn Circus.



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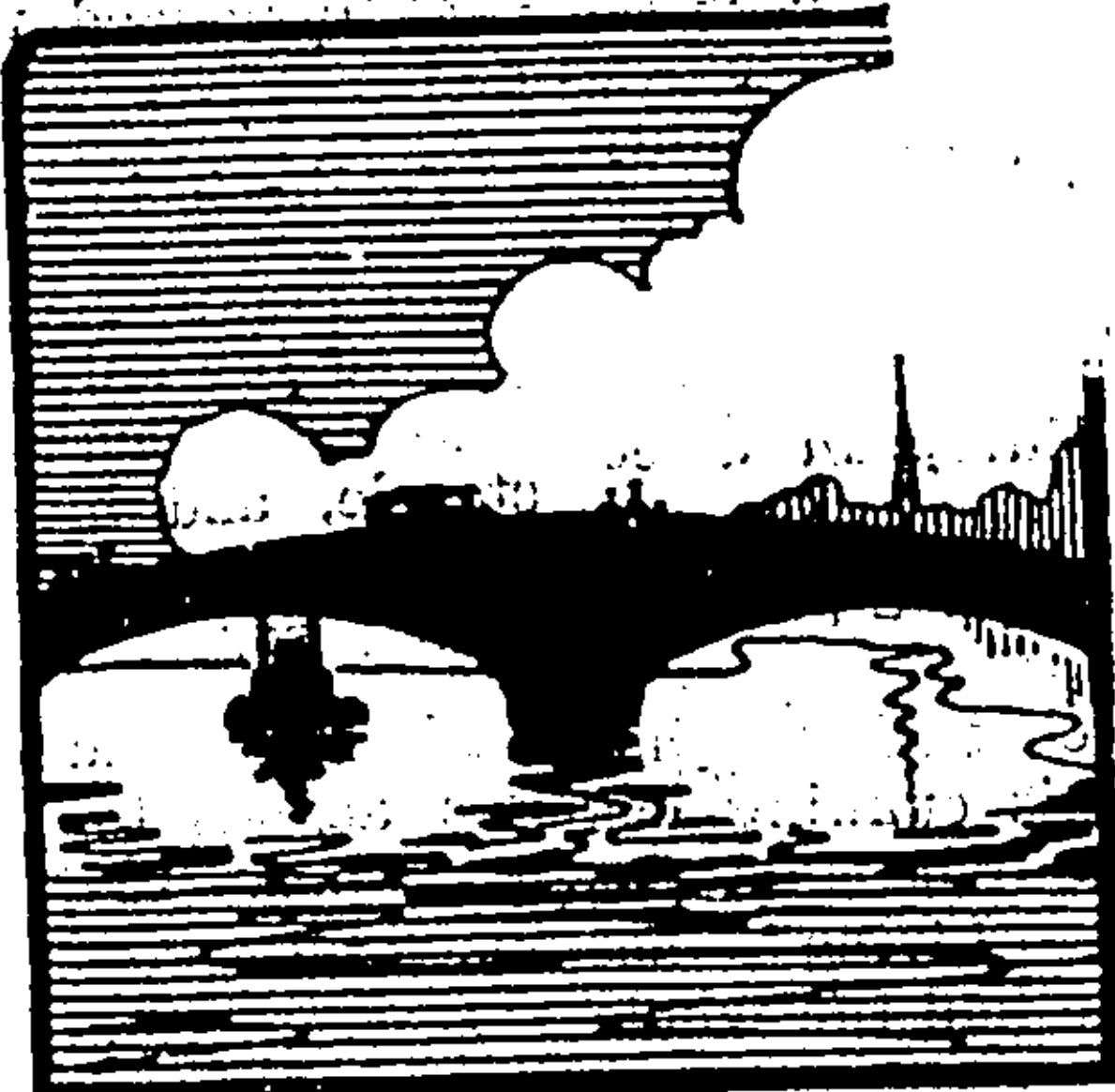
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# NO DOUBT OF AMERICA

## Results Of Lima Conference

New York, Dec. 29.

**ACHIEVEMENTS** of the Pan-American Conference, which concluded at Lima, Peru, to-day, are being earnestly debated in Washington.

There is no disposition there to doubt the extent of the unity among the South American republics and their willingness to cast in their lot with the United States in a policy designed to keep the dictator countries from the Western Hemisphere.

This is considered to be the biggest long-range issue before the Washington Government.

The Lima delegates, representing all the 21 American nations, have unanimously subscribed to the following affirmations of future policy:

1.—The Declaration of Lima, which expresses the solidarity of the American Republics.

2.—Reaffirmation of the Republics' united belief in the doctrine of free trade, as against such new restrictive systems as Germany's.

3.—The declaration of American principles, which is a sober statement of the rules by which the Governments of the Republics propose to work in pursuit of the peace and well-being of their peoples.

### PEACEFUL MEANS

This striking "declaration of American principles" sets forth a way of life for every democratic nation. It affirms that—

As a means of preserving world order under law, of ensuring peace with justice and securing the social and economic welfare of mankind the 21 Governments "proclaimed, supported and recommended" the following principles:

1. Intervention of any State in the internal or external affairs of another is inadmissible.

2. All differences of an international character should be settled by peaceful means.

3. The use of force as an instrument of national or international policy is proscribed.

4. Relations between States should be governed by precepts of international law.

5. Respect for the faithful observance of treaties constitutes an indispensable rule for development of peaceful relations between States, and treaties can only be revised by the agreement of the contracting parties.

6. Peaceful collaboration between representatives of various States, and development of intellectual interchange among their peoples, are conducive to the understanding by each of the problems of the other, as well as problems common to all, and make more readily possible a peaceful adjustment of international controversies.

7. Economic reconstruction contributes to national and international well-being as well as to peace among nations.

8. International co-operation is a necessary condition to the maintenance of the aforementioned principles.

### "NOT STRONG ENOUGH"

To-day's talk is whether the conference has or has not done as much as the United States hoped.

Republicans generally admit that as much progress has been made as could be expected in face of the commercial and other inroads which Germany, Italy and Japan have already made in South America.

They think, however, that the results of Lima are not a sufficiently strong foundation on which to build a new foreign policy.

### BORAH AND WELLES

This view is condensed by Senator Borah, the famous Republican leader, who damned Lima with faint praise when asked his reaction to-day.

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# AN CONTINENT UNITY



During their stay in New York for their appearance at the annual Horse Show at Madison Square Gardens, a squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragons are staying at a hotel. In their elaborate uniforms they made unusual guests and provided unusual pictures as they prepared for the show. Photo shows: A smoke and a drink while waiting for their companion to finish his letter writing.

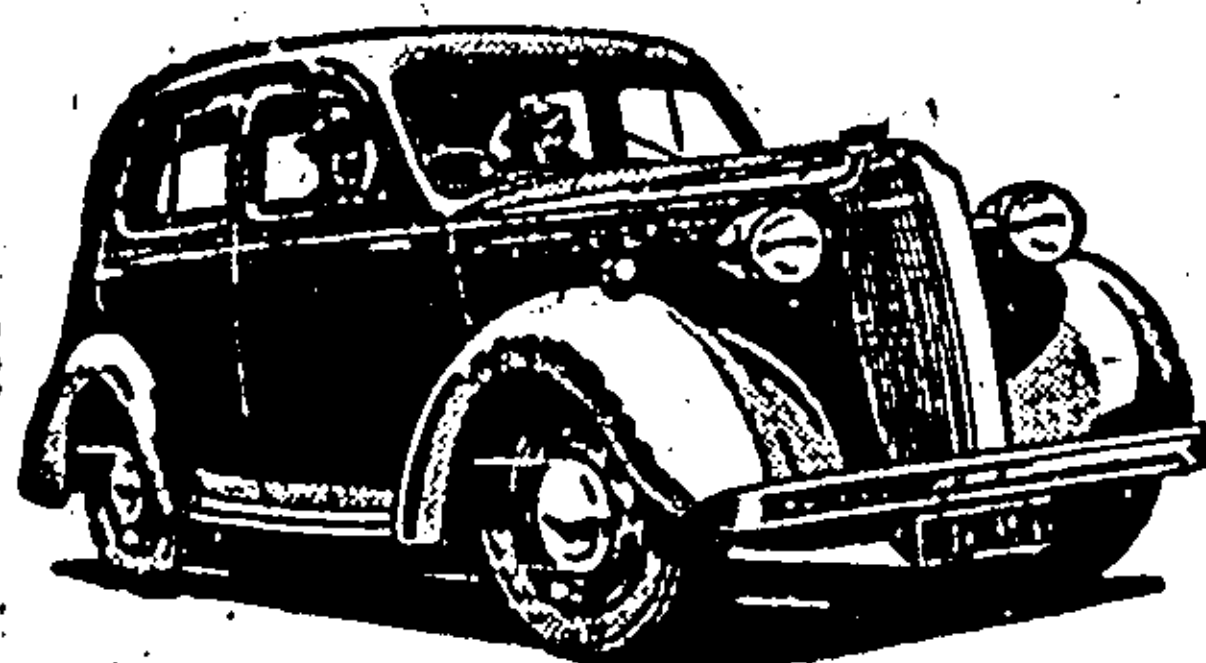
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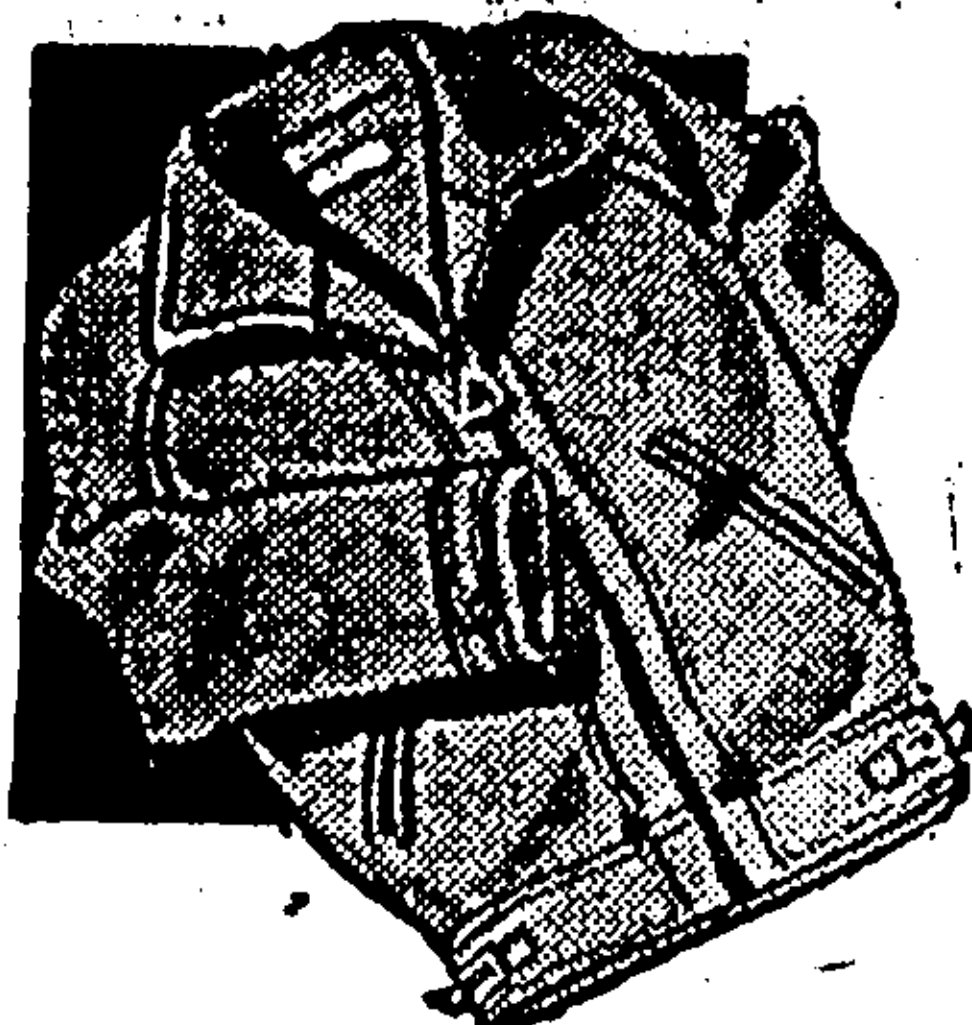
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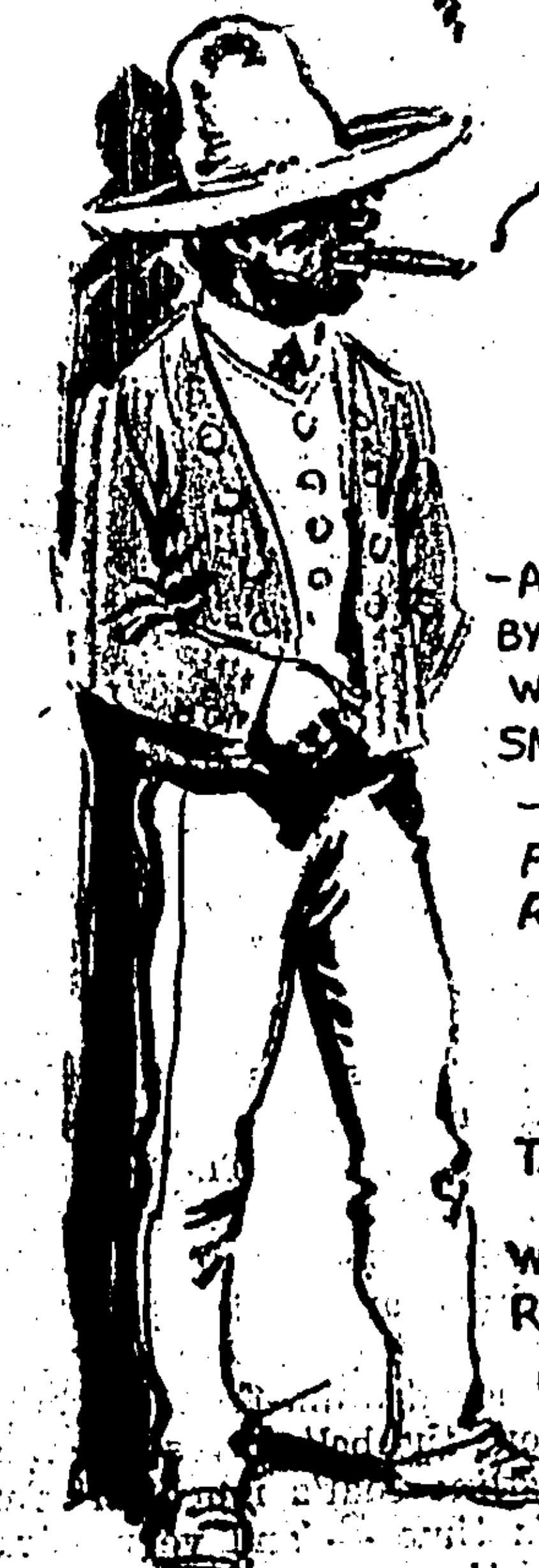
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# NEW-EXCITING- EXCLUSIVELY YOURS!



Take this page with you when you keep your date with your hairdresser. He will help you to decide which style suits you best.

A word about that flat upward sweep at the back that we've been seeing such a lot.

Frankly, I think we've seen it a lot too much. Of course, if you think of it as making a girl look like an Edwardian beauty, it does seem madly gay!

But isn't it often just as true to say that it makes her look like a Victorian governess?

So I hope you won't smarm your hair up at the back unless you're very sure it suits you.

\* \* \*

Of course, it may suit you; But it's a bad idea to do it just because somebody else you know wears it that way, and you think it's smart and new.

For one thing, it's very difficult to keep it well smarmed, and stray straggles at the neck are anything but smart.

They are not even new! If you'd



Designed for the girl who has classic features and a slim, graceful figure to match.

seen as many as I've seen in tubes and buses. . . .

On the whole, it looks much softer and more feminine to avoid that flat scrape-up at the back. But, of course, you want to be fashionable, and, of course, you are absolutely right.

\* \* \*

These three styles, created for you, are modern without being extreme.

They have mastered all the virtues of the latest trend, and yet they come to you without any of its drawbacks.

Look, for instance, at the hair-do of the platinum blonde on the right. It is completely up-and-off the face with that elegant lift above the

ears, but there is nothing hard and plastered about the back. The head is framed in a soft curly halo.

And the other two styles are just as good; it's only a question of which suits you best.

So do try one of them and look chic and different.

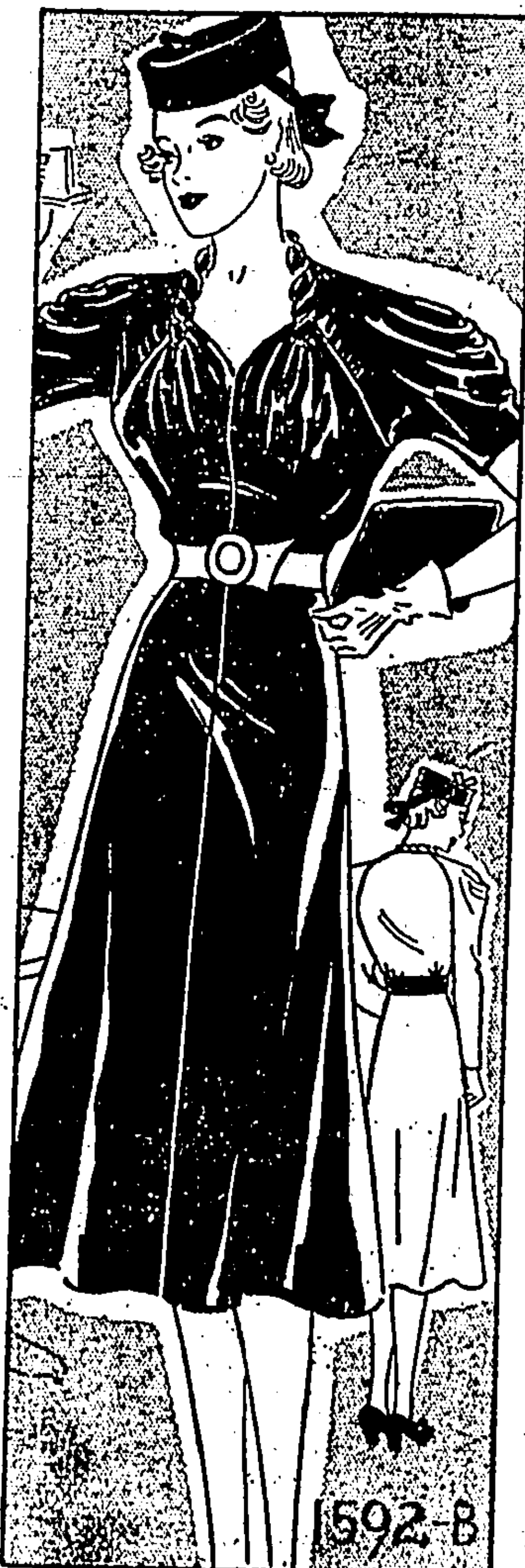
They are three delightful proofs that important thing called fashion isn't there to rule you.

It's there to inspire you.

Fashion is a guide and not a master—a guide that you can't ignore but can play with!

If you want any hair decorations—buy some little combs, and any flower or ornament you fancy—and make them yourself. All the fixing that is necessary is easily done with fine wire.

## BASIC DRESS THAT'S CLEVERLY FLATTERING



One reason why this design is so flattering, is that it puts all the emphasis up top. The bodice is beautifully detailed. The skirt slim and small-waisted. The twisted, corded band around the plain neckline is very softening and becoming. The gathered waist-front slightly bloused above the belt, gives you the definite bustline that's much in fashion at this time — and very attractive at any time.

## MAKE YOUR NEW DIRNDL LIKE THIS!

As soft fullness, tiny waists, and a general effect of appealing femininity continue to be more and more smart, the dirndl continues to be a top flight favourite! Here's an usually good design for a charming dirndl that will fit beautifully into your winter plans! Wear it at home during the busy season of holiday preparation, and take it on week-ends in the country.

The doll-waisted effect is emphasized by a beguiling ribbon sash and shirring at the top of the skirt—shirring is also used at the top of the Victorian sleeves. For strictly home wear, make this dress of vivid cotton prints—calico, chintz or percale.



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## Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

### How To Keep Throat-Line Young

Fresh from a most successful season in Paris, comes beautiful Vina Bovy for her Metropolitan appearance. Seldom is opera so blessed with talent, beauty and good sense, all wrapped up in one body!

A New York paper thus reviewed her recent interpretation of "Manon": "This was distinctly one of the artist's good nights and the strength and brilliance of her

tones, running to golden heights, and the daring of her execution carried all before them. She was a blonde and dazzling vision, too, in billowing sapphire velvet and a glittering panoply of diamonds." For one so young, that tribute is noteworthy!

#### Has Exquisite Throat Line

Vina Bovy's neck is one of her best physical features. It is slender and graceful, with a firm throat line and chin. When questioned about this enviable beauty asset she strongly declares that the breathing exercises which she has had to do since the beginning of her career, are strictly accountable for keeping her neck beautiful.

She further states that proper breathing exercises will help any woman to keep her throat-line young—and is there a woman who does not loathe the crepey neck of old age?

#### HER VERY OWN EXERCISES

She gave me a splendid exercises for developing the neck beautiful—which cleverly combines breathing control with the control of the muscles of the shoulder, arms, hands and neck. You can do it!

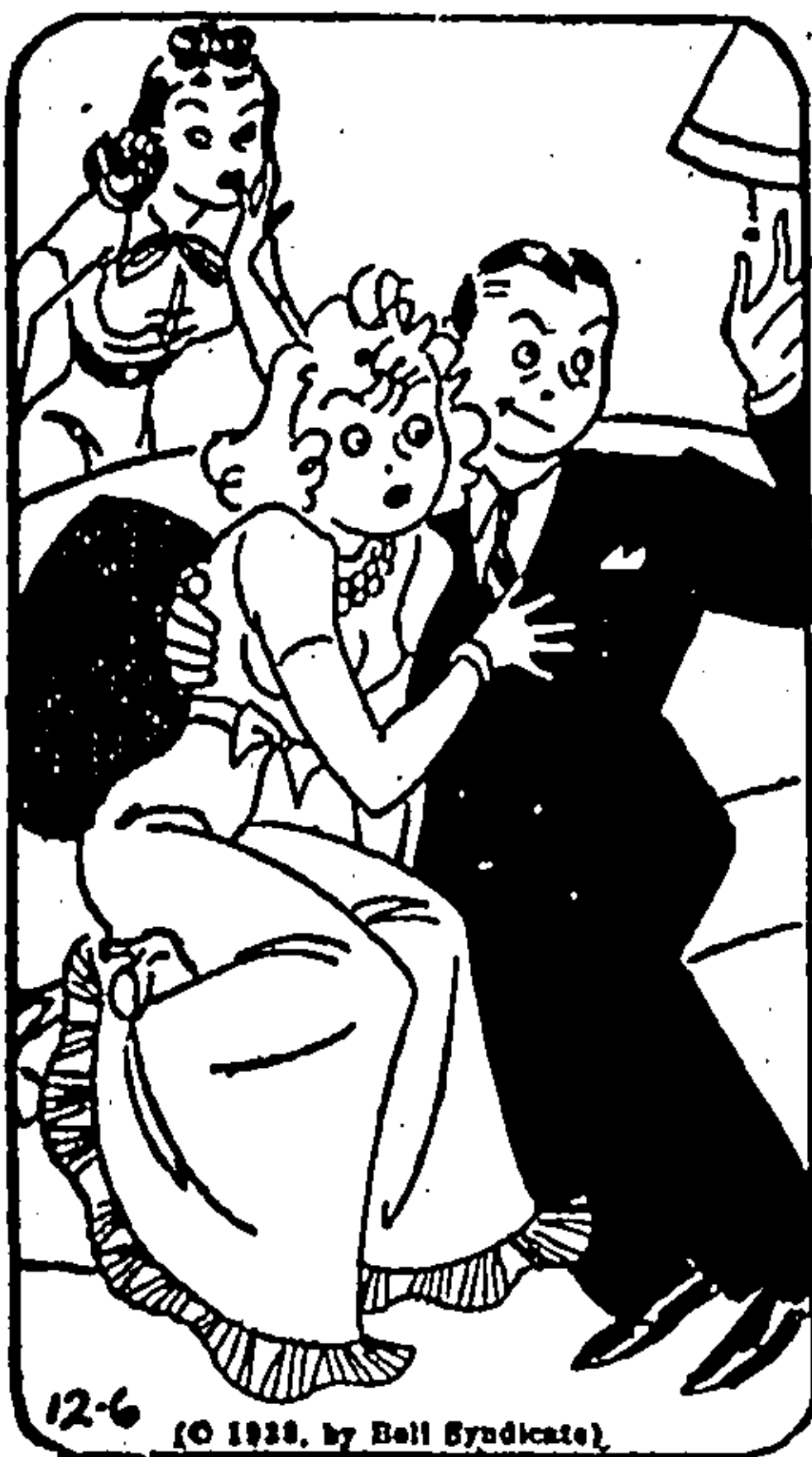
1—Stand in stocking feet, spine erect. Place the hands interlocked behind the head. The back of the head should rest against the palms.

2—Now try to push the head backwards, resisting by pressure of the hands. Every muscle in the neck, hands, arms and shoulders will be tensed. While doing this inhale slowly, and then hold your breath; keep up the resistance of opposing forces as long as you can hold your breath.



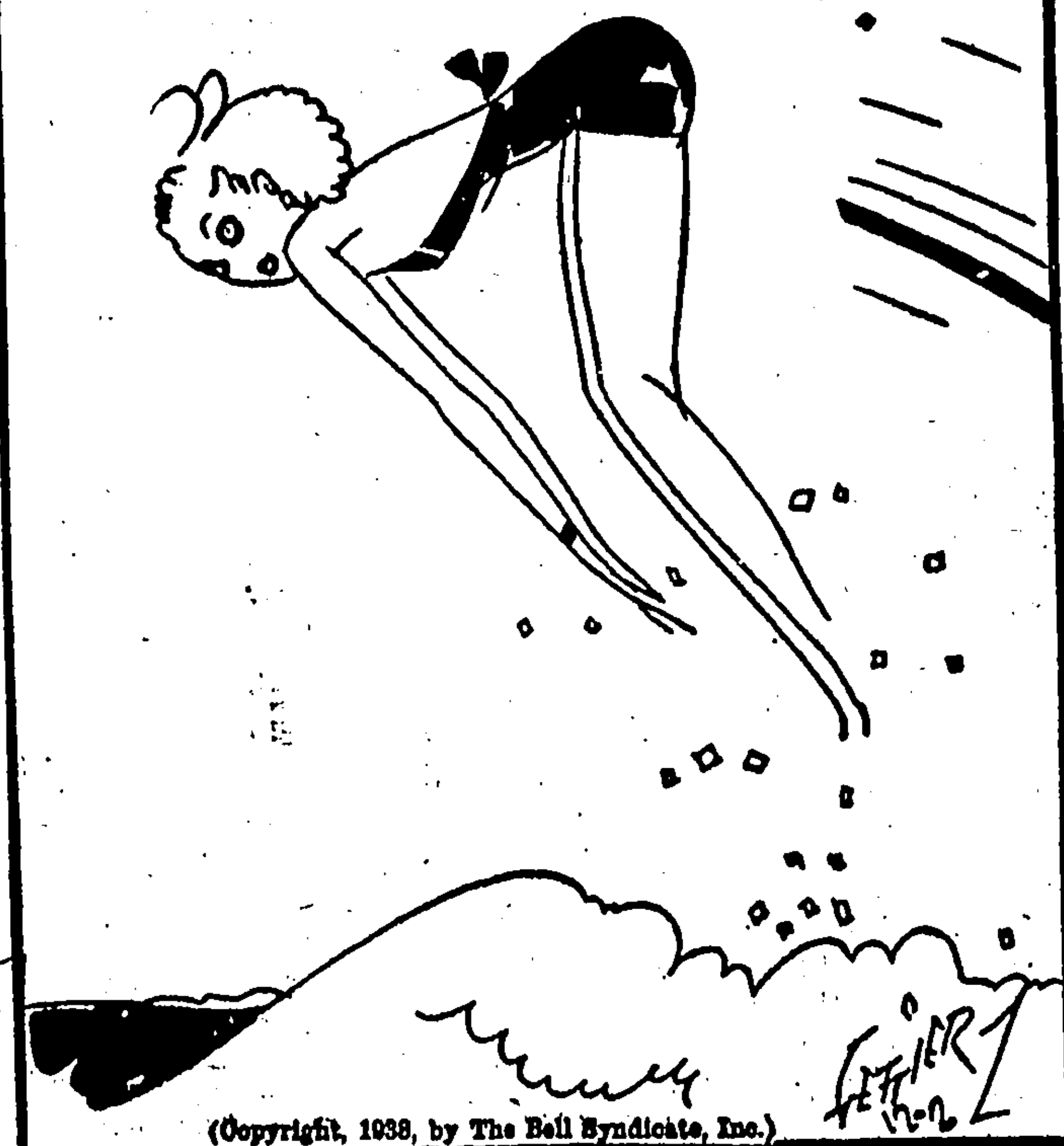
VINA BOVY, beautiful, blonde and brilliant soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, has the most enviable of throat lines. Simple exercises preserve its beauty.

### Witty Kitty



The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks the expression "Working in the Dark" means the electric current has been shut off.

### GIRLIGACS



"The fellow who won't take no for an answer," says ironic Irene, "is soon married."

3—Let your arms drop passively to your sides, as you let your breath out slowly through slightly-opened lips (not through your nostrils!).

4—Return to the same tense attitude. This time let your breath out through the nostrils (instead of through your mouth) at second intervals—as if you were about to sneeze!

5—Now take a deep breath, and pause before repeating 2 or 3 times. This breathing exercise done daily will do much to ward off an unlovely throat line.

Before going on this reducing diet get approval from a physician.

#### TENTH DAY BREAKFAST

Calories  
Drink the strained juice of a lemon in 2/3 glass of warm water every morning directly after early elimination, at least one half hour before breakfast ..... 50

#### Choice of:

1 ordinary drinking tumbler of orange juice or grapefruit juice ..... 100  
1 egg boiled or poached .... 70  
1 slice of whole wheat, rye or bran toast ..... 50  
1 tsp. butter ..... 30  
Clear coffee or tea with lemon (or no beverage) or fruit as above) ..... —

Total 300

or  
Lemon juice in water and 1 glass orange or grapefruit juice ..... 100  
1 ready-to-serve cereal with 1/2 cup of skimmed milk .. 125  
Little honey to sweeten ..... 25  
Clear coffee or tea with lemon (or no beverage) ..... —

Total 300

#### LUNCHEON

Salmon salad—1 tbs. mayonnaise ..... 150  
Rye bread toast ..... 50  
1 tsp. butter ..... 30  
1/2 grapefruit (medium) .... 70

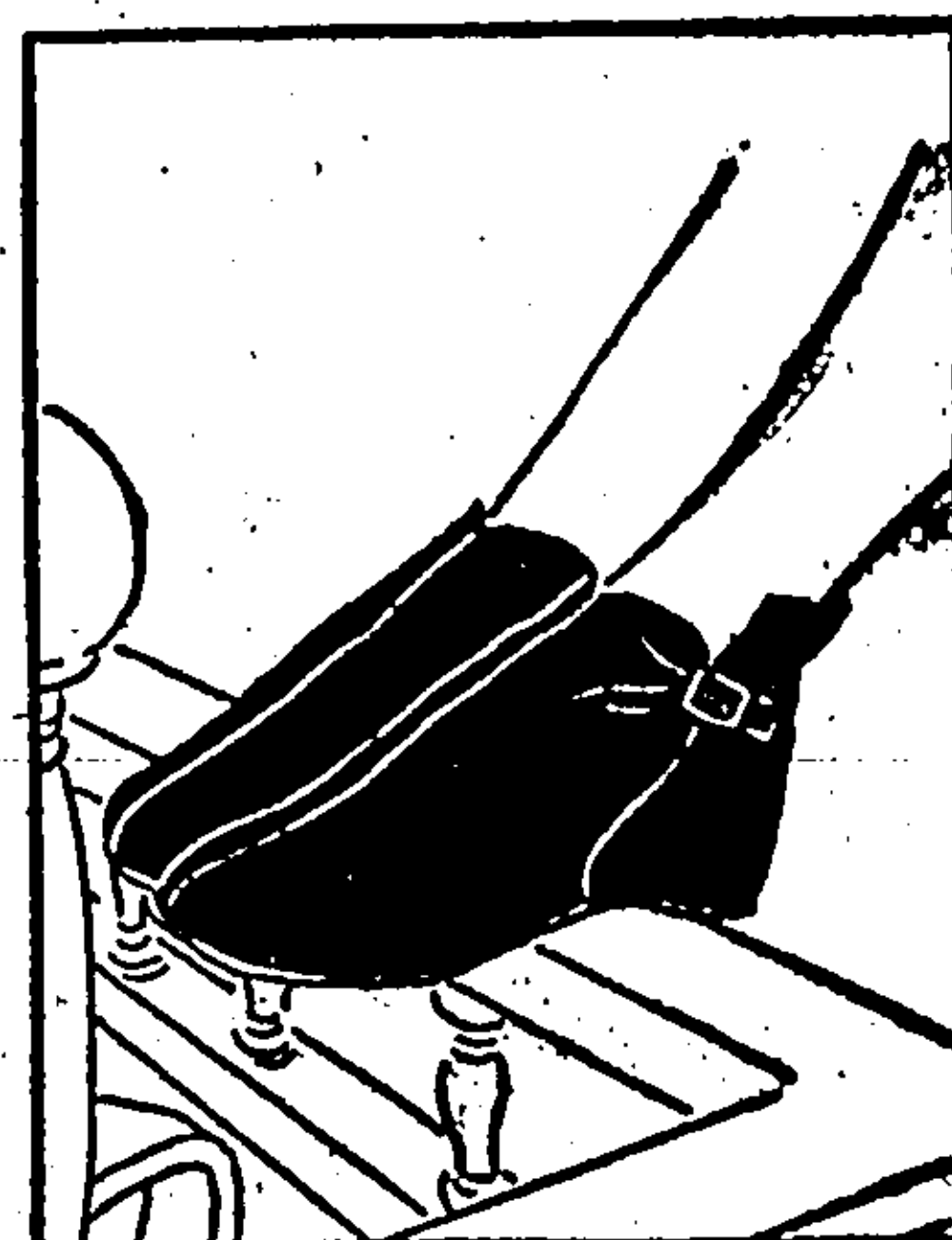
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#### DINNER

1 fruit cup ..... 100  
Calves liver (2 small pieces) . 150  
4 or 5 boiled onions ..... 70  
1 small potato — baked (eat skin) ..... 75  
1/2 cup Blanc Mange plain .. 200

Total 595

Total calories for the day .. 1195  
Tall girl allowed ..... 1500

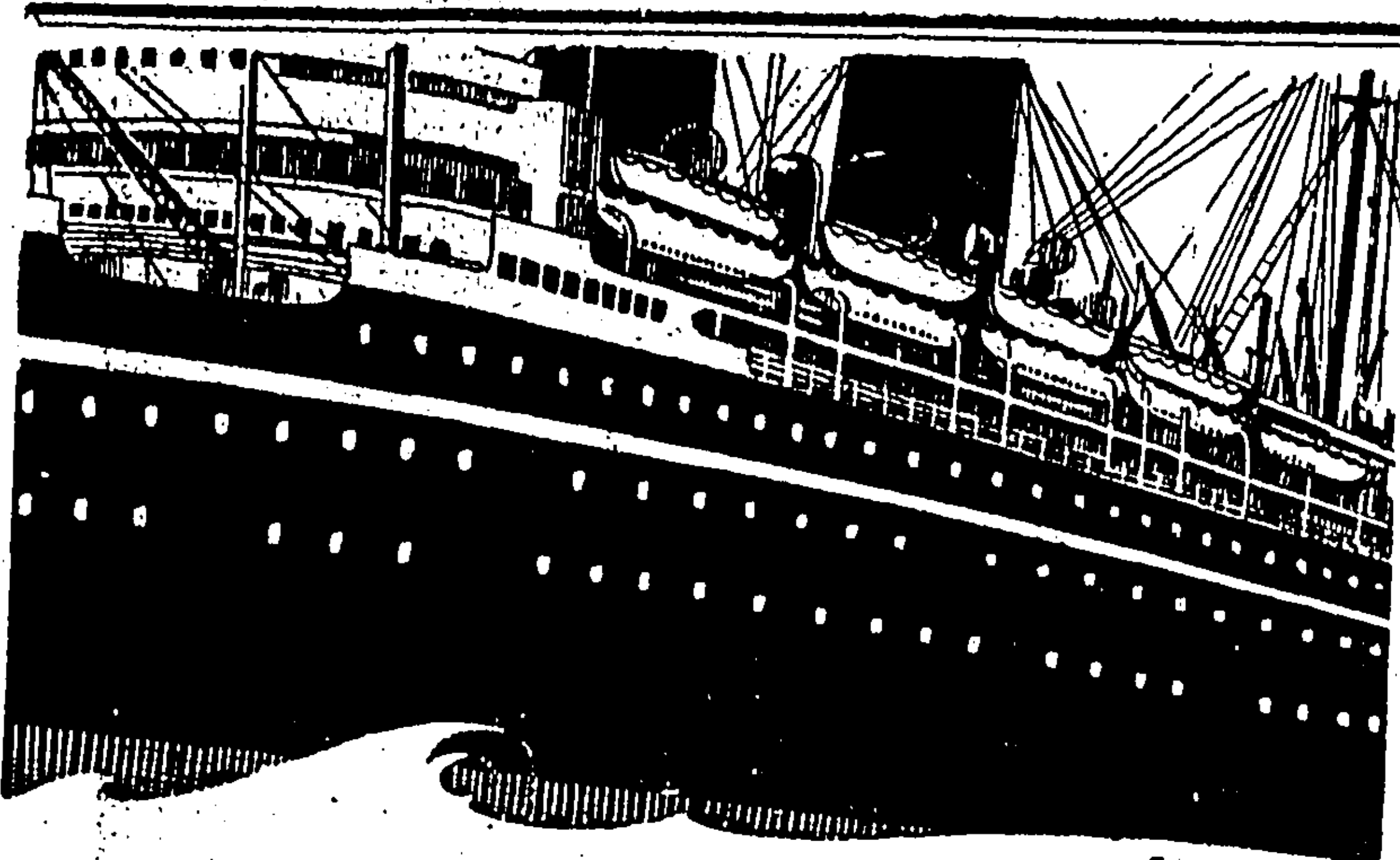


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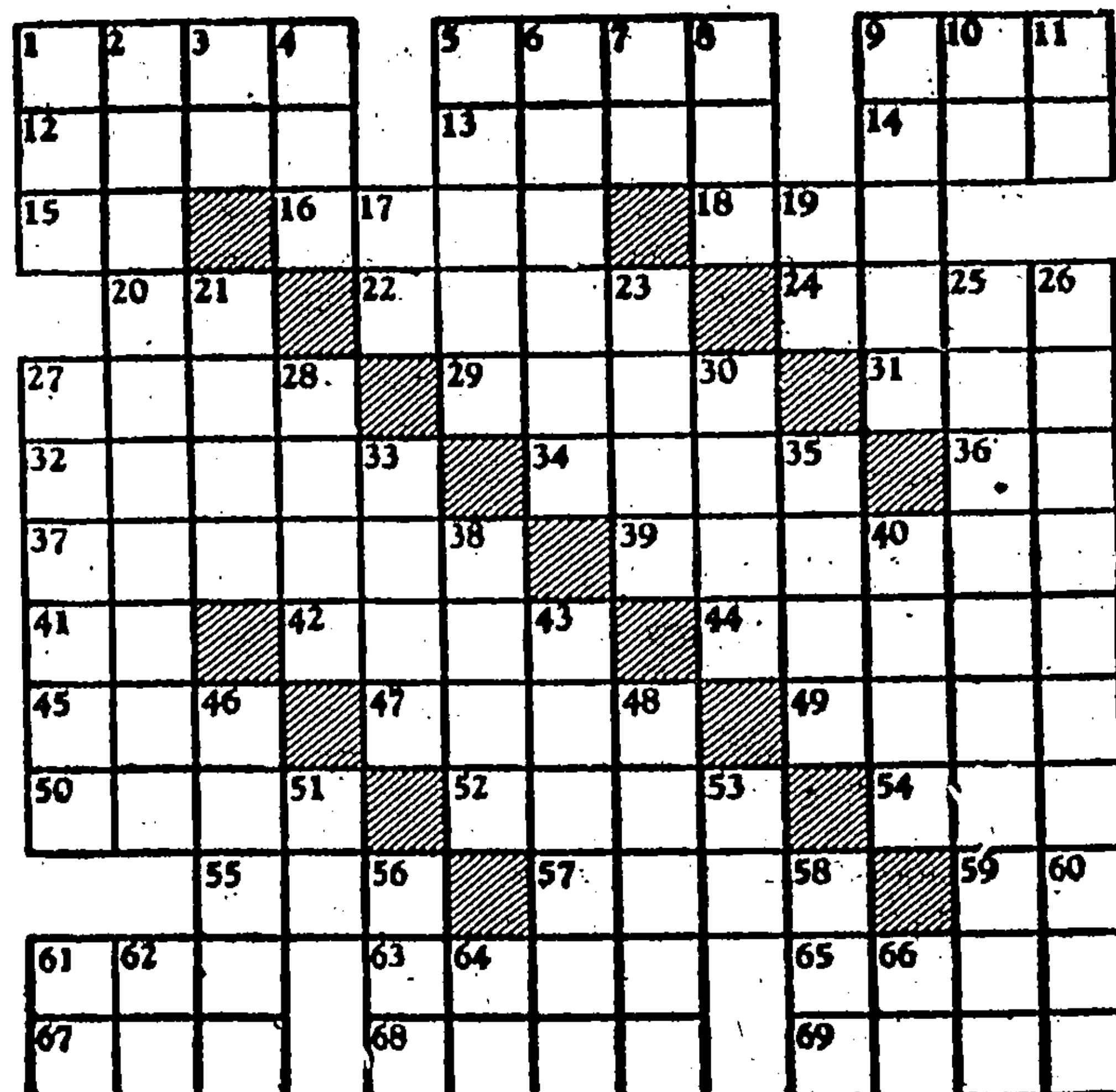
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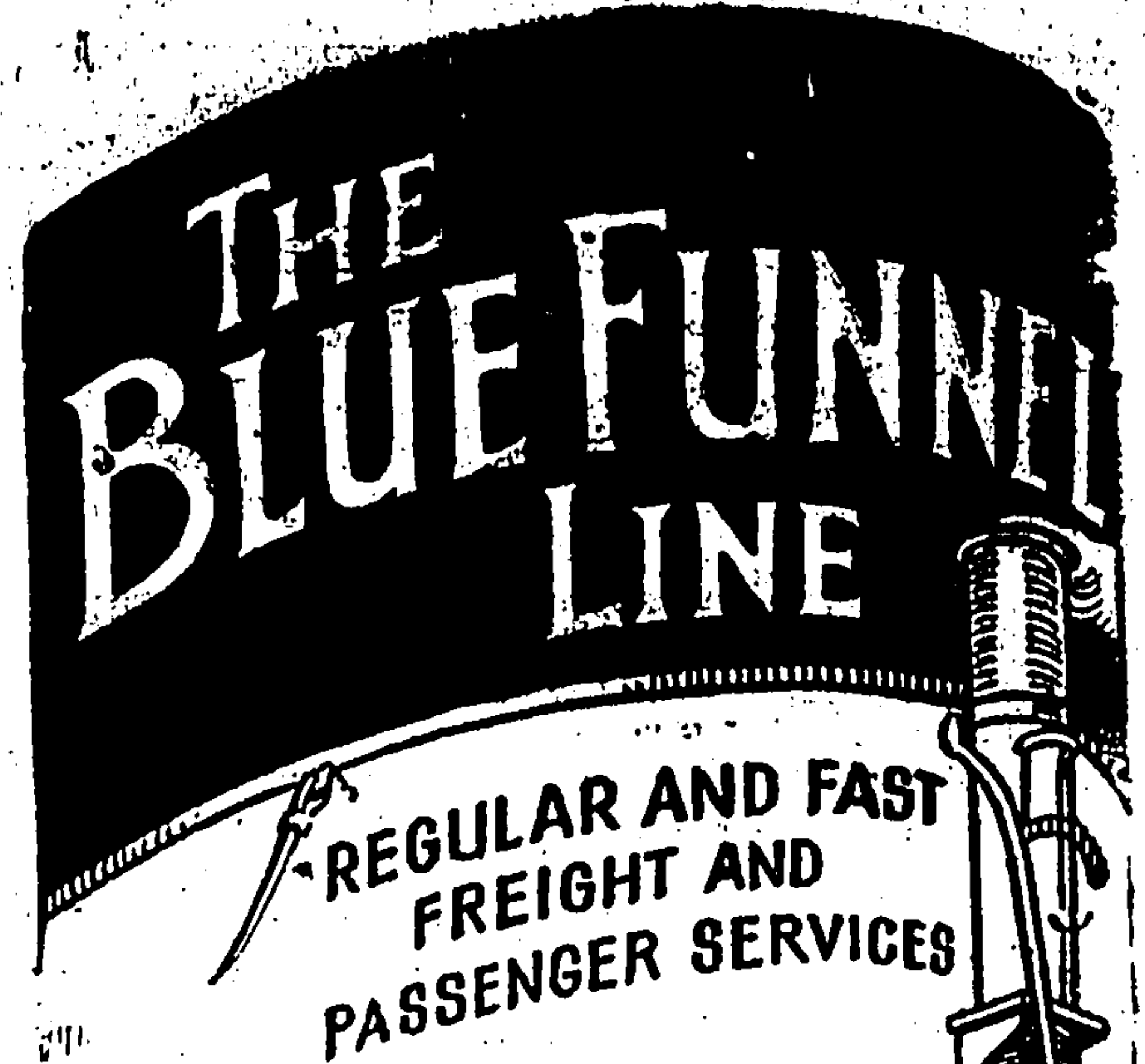
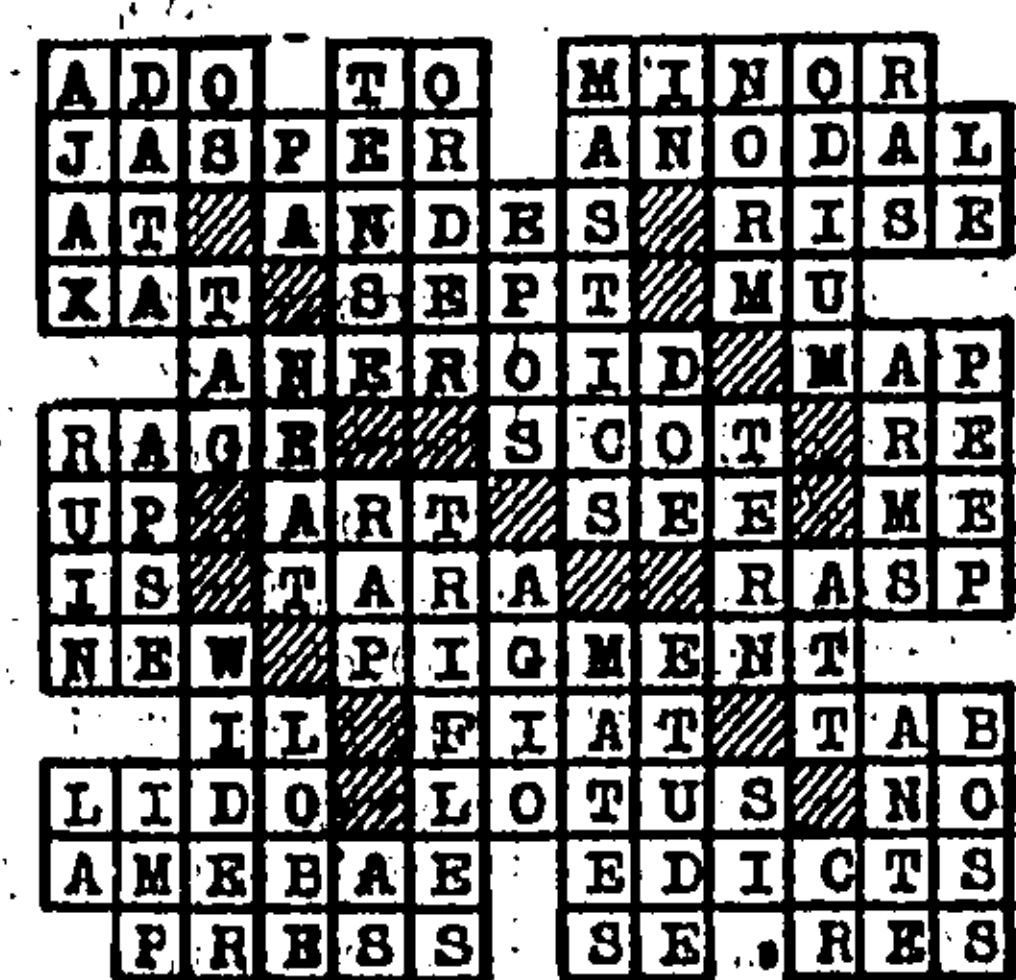
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- 5 Municipality
- 9 Act
- 12 Preposition
- 13 Ox of
- 14 Celebes
- 15 Number
- 16 Latin conjunction
- 17 Harbour
- 18 Route
- 20 While
- 22 To judge
- 24 Youths
- 27 Frozen rain
- 29 One affecting superiority
- 31 To permit
- 32 Once more
- 34 Entrance
- 36 Parent
- 37 To reflect
- 39 Lodger
- 41 Siberian river
- 42 Goddess of discord
- 44 To incline
- 45 High mountain
- 47 To observe
- 49 Tops
- 50 Trim
- 52 To ensnare
- 54 Pronoun
- 55 To weep

**VERTICAL**

- 1 To contend
- 2 Impalpable
- 3 By
- 4 To cut
- 5 Worries
- 6 To purpose
- 7 Toward
- 8 To steer wildly
- 9 Faithful
- 10 One

**11 Plural**

- 17 Hypothetical force
- 19 Indian mulberry
- 21 To float in air
- 23 To anchor
- 25 Reliance
- 26 Begins
- 27 South Sea Islander
- 28 Telegram
- 30 Derisive cries
- 33 Norse goddess
- 35 Biscuit
- 38 Outbreak
- 40 To disable
- 43 Long step
- 46 Sticky
- 48 Auricular
- 51 Preposition
- 53 Italian river
- 56 Conjunction
- 58 Negative
- 60 Poetic: above
- 61 Man's nickname
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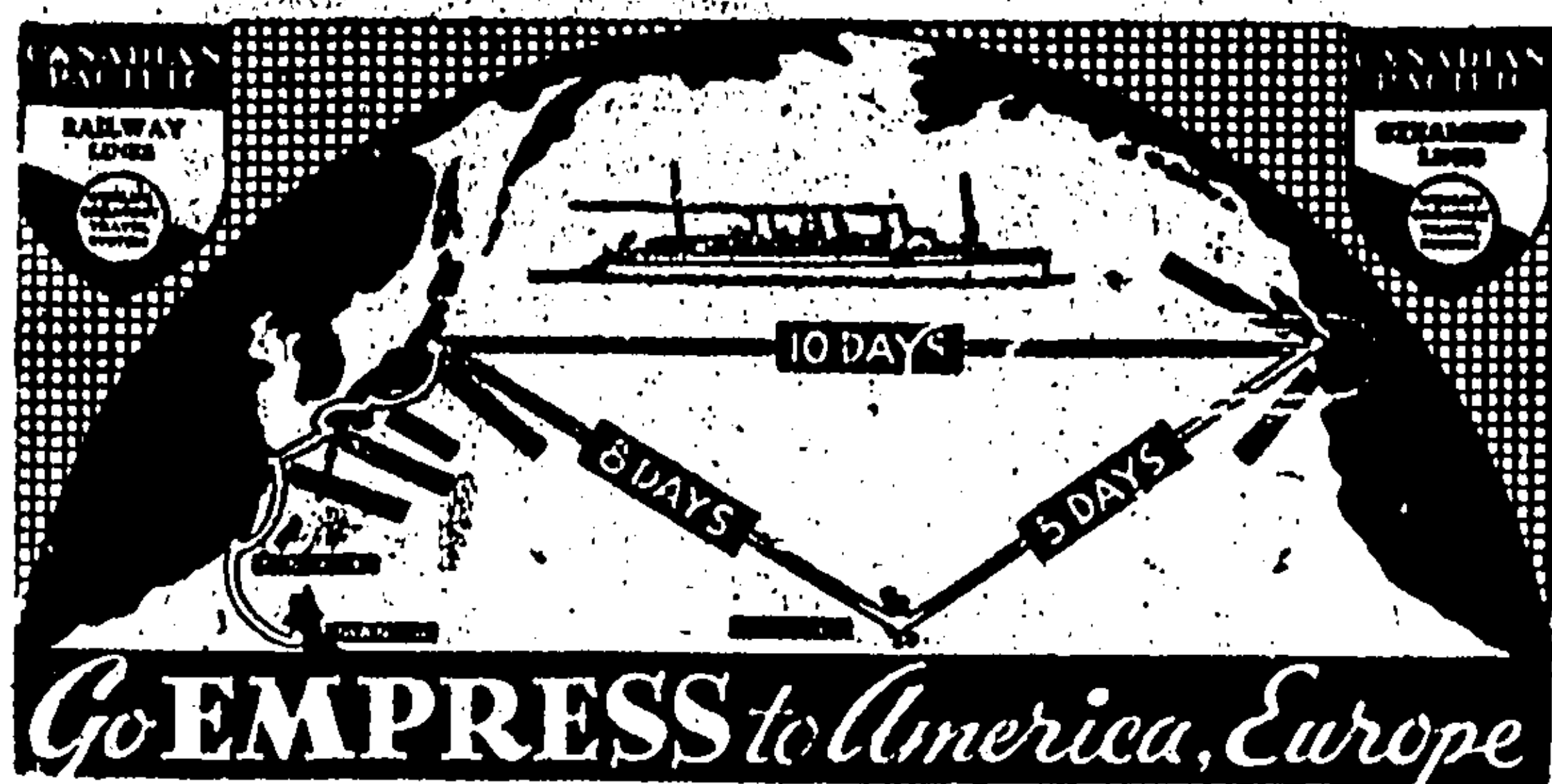
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### MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$7 b.  
Constructions \$1¼ s.  
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% pm. b.  
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 3/- s.  
China Lights rts. \$3¼ b., \$3.55/50 sa.  
Ewo Rts. H.K. \$1.15 sa.

## REICH LOAN TAKEN OVER

Berlin, To-day.  
Subscriptions to the fourth 1938 4.1/2 per cent. Reich loan closed on January 9. The full amount of the loan, namely 1,500,000,000, Reichsmarks, have been taken over by a loan consortium, offers for subscription having been applied for. — Trans-Ocean.

## WHEAT CONFERENCE IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The International Wheat Committee, on which the governments of 22 wheat-growing countries are represented, met for a conference yesterday at the Board of Trade.

In absence of the U.S. Ambassador in London, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, who is at the present in America, the chair was taken by the United States Minister to Sofia, Mr. Ray Atherton.

The object of the conference is to consider measures for avoiding the disastrous consequences which threaten the international market owing to excess supplies resulting from bumper harvests.

After study of the statistical data will discuss, appropriate measures will be recommended to the Governments concerned.

Mr. Atherton announced that the United States desired to withdraw from chairmanship of the committee. This step did not imply any diminution of American interest in the committee's work.—Trans-Ocean.

## NETHERLANDS SUPPORTS POUND

Amsterdam, To-day.

Informed quarters here state that the Netherlands Bank has replied favourably to the request for its co-operation in measures tending to the suppression of international speculation against the pound sterling made by the Bank of England.

The Netherlands Bank will consequently no longer grant facilities for forward dealings in sterling unless such transactions arise out of genuine commercial business and for the time being no loans against gold will be made.—Trans-Ocean.

## IN DEFENCE OF STERLING

Amsterdam, To-day.

Reuter learns that the Dutch banks have declared that they are prepared to co-operate with the Netherlands Bank in checking speculation against Sterling.

They are consequently abstaining from participation in gold transactions of such a character as to constitute a speculative attack on Sterling.—Reuter.

## REICH MONEY MARKET

Berlin, To-day.

The Reichsbank return dated January 7 shows gold stocks unchanged at 7.80 million reichsmarks. Foreign exchange holdings increased by 0.2 to 5.7 making the total note cover 76.5 million reichsmarks. Note circulation decreased by 517.5 to 7,705.1 million Reichsmarks.

The total amount of credit issued as measured by bills, cheques, advances, investments, decreased by 1,021.4 to 8,122.1 million reichsmarks.—Trans-Ocean.



## P.A.A.F. Now Considering Football Interport

A telegram has been received by Mr. L. R. Ildefonso, local representative of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, from Manila, to the effect that the invitation issued by the Hong Kong Football Association is being considered by the executive committee of the P.A.A.F. and that a reply can be expected within a day or two.

Although most of the Filipino star football players are college students, it is surmised that they will be able to obtain the necessary 10 or 12 days leave in order to make the trip to Hong Kong, even though they are in preparation for their Mid-March examinations.

Local Filipinos are of the opinion that as the original suggestion for a series of matches between Hong Kong and Manila emanated from the P.A.A.F., there will be no objections to the Interport being held.

## C.E.C. MEMBERS DEPARTING

Several members of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang now in Hong Kong on various missions are departing within the next few days for Chungking to attend the fifth plenary session to be held on January 20.

Messrs. Li Yi-an, Chen Yao-yuan and Chan Chu-szu, it is learned, left yesterday by plane.

General Li Fook-lum, Admiral Chan Chak, Mr. Hu Wen-chan and others will leave soon.

## U.S. AIR SECRECY

The United States Government has decided to withhold from publication all information about contracts, placed with aeroplane and aero engine makers.

It was formerly the Government's policy to release for general distribution information of this kind.

It is stated that this new policy will be maintained so long as the international situation gives cause for uneasiness.

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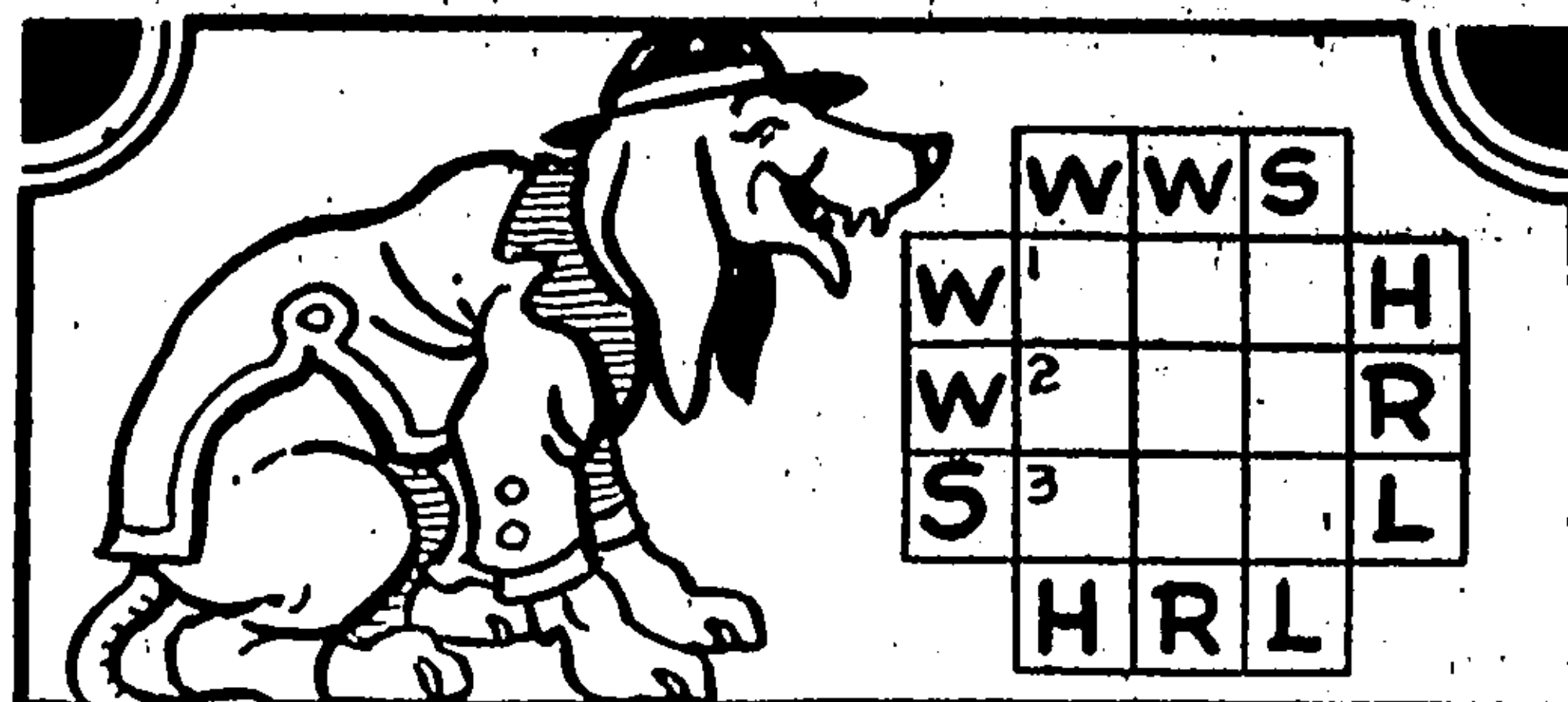
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Answer to yesterday's puzzle: Mocking-bird. Answer to-morrow.

## JAPANESE DRIVE STEMMED

Sian, To-day.

The Japanese drive in West Shansi has been stemmed by a smashing Chinese counter-offensive, urgent military reports from the front reveal.

Four important towns, recently fallen into Japanese hands, namely Chihhsien, Taning, Puhsien and Siangning, were retaken by the Chinese in rapid succession. — Central News.

## EMPIRE AIR DAY IN MAY

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that the sixth Empire Air Day will take place on May 20.

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## DYING MAN'S 100 MILE DRIVE

The Hon. David Leslie-Melville, brother of the Earl of Leven and Melville, died from peritonitis in a nursing home at Nairobi recently.

His illness suddenly developed in his farm at Gilgil, a hundred miles from Nairobi, and he drove alone to the hospital, where he arrived in a state of collapse.

His wife, who was away playing polo, was summoned, but arrived at Nairobi several hours after her husband's death.

Mr. Leslie-Melville was a brilliant polo player, but 15 years ago was seriously injured in a polo accident at Gilgil and had to give up the game.

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Some 30 years ago, on June 30 1908, a huge meteorite fell upon the deserts of eastern Siberia, in the basin of the Podkamen-naia Tougouska, a small stream branching from the Yenisei.

The region where this meteorite fell was so barren and inaccessible that no one could penetrate it. This year, however, the Moscow Academy of Sciences finally organised an air expedition to fly over the "taiga" and locate the exact spot where the astral body fell.

The expedition was successful. During 50 hours of flight, the Russian airmen took 1,500 photographs of the region, and on these were to be seen traces of the meteorite's descent,—trees over a great area were torn up and could still be seen lying about in confusion.

Following this air expedition, it is now believed that a land expedition will proceed to the spot and make observations of a scientific nature. The land group will receive aid from airplanes which will serve as scouts.—Havas.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-5/16 and forward at 19-15/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6743 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$4.67-1/16.

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# Rugby Laws Need Revision

## Multitude Penalties Result From Scrummage Infringements

### WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF PRE-WAR RULE WAS RE-INTRODUCED?

(By FIRST UP)

(By AIR MAIL)

Five penalty goals in the English Rugby trial, five in the inter-city, and four in the Welsh trial indicate the fantastic trend of the modern game. There were also three in the 'Varsity game at Twickenham, where, fortunately, the conversion of the Cambridge try prevented the game being remembered as another penalty goal match. As it happened, the penalties kicked in the Cambridge-Oxford game did not follow scrummage infringements.

The number of penalties awarded in every match, of which comparatively few are made into goals, is far too high, and there is no doubt the majority of the infringements concern the scrummage law. The need for a simpler rule regarding the putting-in of the ball and hooking is urgent. To any close observer it is as clear as daylight that hardly a single player putting the ball into the scrummage conforms to the rule.

One wonders what would happen if the old pre-war scrummage rule was brought into being again. It extended to no more than a sentence or two, and simply said that no player being in a scrummage must advance or raise a foot from the ground until the ball was fairly in. Under that law no front-row forward dared to try and hook as soon as the ball left the half-back's hands. As often as not his opponents dealt with him. There was a swish of two or three boots, and the offender was sharply reminded to keep his feet down.

#### THE ORIGINAL SINNER

It was, of course, the inquisitive youth who asked, "But when is the ball fairly in?" who caused all this trouble and the necessity for the International Board having to attempt to give a clear explanation, with not too happy results. For the scrummage law has become far too complicated. The best thing the Board can do now is to redraft the rule in the following terms:—

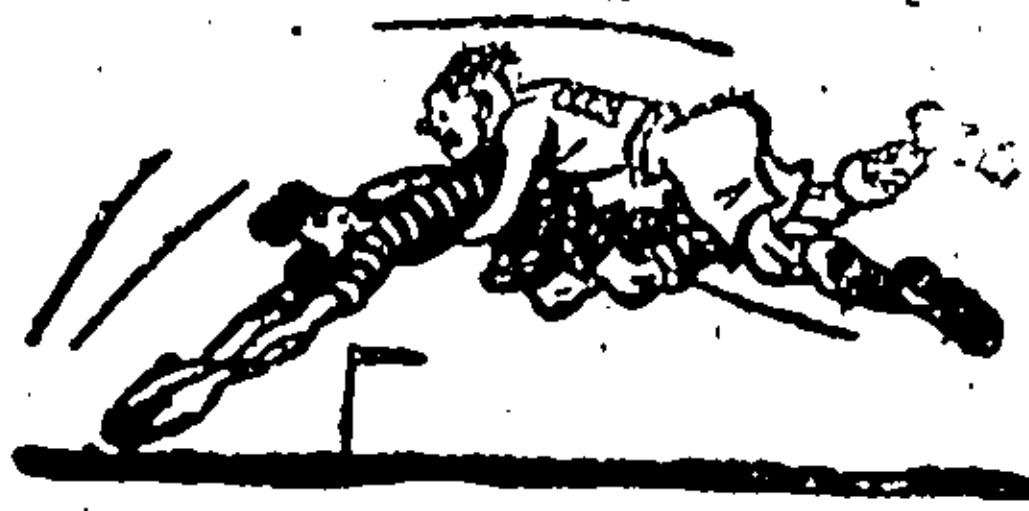
"The player putting the ball in must stand at least three feet from the scrummage and put the ball in along the ground midway between the opposing forwards' feet. The only players in a scrummage who may advance or raise their feet are those in the middle of the front row, and each may use only the foot farthest from the side of the put-in. Any player infringing the law more than once and having been warned by the referee must be sent off if guilty of further infringement."

Is that not simple and quite fair? There is a loud outcry in Wales about the present scrummage law, and one of the selectors has stated that unless something is done speedily the name will be dead in five years time. Some drastic suggestions are being made, one being that the scrummage formation be 4-3-1 and that the outside forwards cross their inside legs before the ball is put-in. The scrum half then puts-in between the crossed legs when any player can hook. Then the old suggestion is being revived about no defending player advancing beyond his own front row until the pack in possession have heeled.

#### AN UNFAIR SUGGESTION

The scrummage proposal is hardly worth considering, and would make forward play even more stereotyped than it is with the result that evenly matched teams would, as at present, have to rely on kicking to win games. As for the other suggestion, it seems absurd that a defending team should have to stand back and give their opponents room to develop their attack. Who could say, for example, that it would be fair to prevent an alert and agile scrum half from engaging in legitimate defence against a slower and clumsier opponent?

As for spoiling wing forwards, they were being dealt with efficiently by competent opponents long before any present-day players were born. Incidentally, why shouldn't back row forwards in a pack losing the ball break imme-



diately and try to smother the attack? And one may ask, if they continue to do so successfully why must the other pack be fools enough to persist in heeling? The answer to the last question is, of course, because they can't do anything else, but is that any reason why defenders must remain at arm's length until the ball is heeled?

The sooner present-day players and those who have not been watching the game for any length of time realise that the basis of good Rugby (and that includes attractive back play) is sound forward play the better for their enjoyment. And sound forward play means ability to vary the game according to requirements.

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THE Sydney Cricket Ground Trust needed a few of the earliest—in the 'sixties—Wisden's Almanacks to complete its set. Mr. H. S. Carter procured the needed issues while in England, but, to do so, had to purchase a complete set of the books—over seventy volumes.

After completing the purchase he could have sold the lot for one hundred pounds. H. S. has brought the books back for the Trust.

Some day in the S.C.G. pavilion there should be a good library of cricket—perhaps when the second section of the new pavilion is built on the site of the existing old pavilion.

## KOWLOON TONG TOO GOOD FOR S. AND S. HOME

At Wanchai, Kowloon Tong beat Sailors and Soldiers' Home by 7 games to 2 in the "B" Division of the Badminton League.

Walker and Thorn (S. and S.)	lost to J. A. V. de Soares and J. Tsang	7-21
beat A. Chan and J. Tang	21-12	
lost to N. A. E. Mackay and J. L. Anderson	7-21	
Cussack and Nicholson (S. and S.)	lost to Soares and Tsang	16-21
lost to Chan and Tang	15-21	
lost to Mackay and Anderson	12-21	
Griffiths and Manuel (S. and S.)	lost to Soares and Tsang	21-24
beat Chan and Tang	21-10	
lost to Mackay and Anderson	10-21	

#### £2000 OFFER FOR BOON-DANAHAR FIGHT

Captain A. Bell, on behalf of the Blackfriars Ring, has offered a £2000 purse for light-weight title fight between Eric Boon holder, and Arthur Danahar, the contest to take place in London during the last week in January.

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## "REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

### Swansea Rugby Club's Dire Straits

It was announced recently that the Welsh Union had refused the request of the Swansea club for financial assistance, originally made as long ago as last March.

The announcement has not received much publicity, but bound up in this refusal are consequences of the gravest importance to Swansea and ultimately to Welsh rugby.

It is no secret that for many years now the Swansea club has been struggling against financial adversity, and it is not irrelevant to consider the origin of the club's difficulties. Soon after the war, the Swansea grand stand was rebuilt at the joint expense of the club and the Welsh Union. Swansea's proportion of the cost amounted to about £5,000, the Union's contribution to about £7,000.

In return for this expenditure the Union obtained the right to use the Swansea ground for a specified number of days in the year free of any payment, for the duration of the club's lease of the ground and any renewal of it.

The bargain has turned out very badly for Swansea, very well for the Union. The overdraft obtained to raise the £5,000 has remained ever since a millstone round the club's neck. On the other hand the Union have received in 15 years or so at least \$50,000 for their original outlay of £7,000.

Legally, of course, the Swansea club has no sort of redress from the consequences of its very bad bargain.

The financial commitments at Cardiff, present and future, are very heavy, and are causing some anxiety. Then, again, the Welsh Union members are doubtless reluctant to cut down the grants to second-class clubs in order to assist a club which hitherto has been expected to stand on its own feet.

The second-class clubs certainly deserve every encouragement and assistance, but it is doubtful if the situation of any of them is as precarious as that in which the Swansea club now finds itself, a situation, incidentally, partly brought about by the introduction of a competitive League and Cup system into second-class Rugby in the Swansea district, which has swelled the gate receipts of the second-class clubs at Swansea's expense.

The immediate danger to Swansea is that the club's landlords, the Corporation of Swansea, will take steps to forfeit the club's lease for non-payment of rent, which is considerably in arrears. If these steps are taken, the club will cease to exist, and Rugby's main buttress in West Wales will disappear.

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### American Official And Present Par Figures

Mr. Fred Corcoran, tournament manager of the American Professional Golfers' Association, has declared war on existing par figures on golf courses in the United States, and is demanding changes in their measurements.

Mr. Corcoran has suggested that a group of first-class players in each district in the country should study each course carefully, noting narrow fairways, traps, and small greens, and establish a tentative par. Then a player would play each hole a number of times, and the average of his scores would determine the par.

He said that this should lead to fractional figures, but expressed the conviction that this was what was needed to clarify figures. "Let's toss through the window these present pars, based on yardage, and set up some true par figures."

There is nothing wrong with the British thoroughbred. It may have its ups and downs, but in the long run it is still pre-eminently the best racehorse in the world.—Lord Rosebery.



# BRADMAN'S Average Of 162!

## OUR LONDON AIR MAIL SPORTS NEWS

### Henley Royal Regatta

A profit on the year's working of £324 was reported at the annual meeting of the stewards of Henley Royal Regatta. This was considered satisfactory, as there was a drop of £317 in the receipts compared with the previous year, while there was a saving in the expenditure of £775. The receipts for the year amounted to £9,109.

The Regatta finished with a balance of £1,145 together with investments totalling £5,000.

The centenary regatta for 1939 has been fixed for July 5, 6, 7 and 8.

It was announced that Major W. H. Barff, who had acted as secretary for the past 20 years, had resigned.

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### Too Many Blues To Count

Mr. Kenneth Gandar Dower's victory in the amateur squash rackets championship at the Bath Club comes as the climax to a career which has been excelled by no living Cambridge athlete.

During his four years' residence he played no fewer than six games for his university: tennis, lawn tennis, Rugby fives, Eton fives, squash rackets and billiards.

Not even he himself is sure how many Blues and half-Blues this adds up to. He said recently that he can talk for 20 minutes without exhausting the complications of the subject.

Since he went down from Trinity he has been runner-up in the amateur squash rackets championship, played lawn tennis for Great Britain, piloted his own aeroplane to India, and been on a scientific and exploratory expedition to Kenya.

Besides writing two travel books, he has collaborated with Mr. W. J. Riddell on two little illustrated books of political satire. The second of these, "Outside Britain," appeared a few weeks ago and is now a best-seller.

Gandar Dower plays all his games in a style as unorthodox as it is effective. The racket which he used in the squash series was eight years old.

Originally it was made for rackets and he had it cut down to squash rackets size and restrung with the black strings used for real tennis. After each round he examines it carefully and wonders how long it will last.

He brought back a number of young cheetahs from Africa last year. After training them himself, he proved that they could race as well as greyhounds, and gave a display with them at Romford.

### TO-DAY'S SOFTBALL ENCOUNTER

#### C.B.A. To Meet Empress Of Japan

A very good Men's Softball game is anticipated this afternoon at 5 p.m. on the C.B.A. ground when C.B.A. clash with Empress of Japan in their return encounter.

On Sunday last C.B.A. confounded the critics when they romped home by 9 runs to 5 in the initial meet between these two teams and this afternoon the Ship's team will be given an opportunity of securing their revenge.

### CELTIC SIGN DUNDEE JUNIOR

Kinnaird Ouchterlony, an inside forward of Loches Harp, the Dundee Junior team has been provisionally signed by Celtic. A representative of the club visited Dundee and completed negotiations. Ouchterlony is 18 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height, and weighs about 11 stones.

## His Third Successive Century In Sheffield Shield Encounters

Adelaide, December 27.

Don Bradman has added another double century to his growing list. Continuing his innings for South Australia against Queensland, in the Sheffield Shield, Bradman carried his Saturday score of 83 to 225, this being his third successive century.

Bradman has played three innings in first-class cricket this season, and his scores are 118, 143, and 225, giving him an average of 162.

Bradman's latest effort was not one of his best, but it was good enough to please the expectant crowd of 11,000. Batting for five and a half hours, he hit ten 4s, but he had two lucky escapes.

C. L. Badcock, once known as the "Tasmanian Bradman," carried his overnight score of 79 to exactly 100. In his first three innings this season Badcock has scored 51 not out, 271 not out, and 100, giving him an average of 422.

Badcock's chanceless innings lasted for two and a half hours, and included seven 4s. His partnership with Bradman for the third wicket realised 202 in one hundred and fifty-one minutes.

The fifth wicket stand between Bradman and Waite, who hit five 4s in his 52, added 131 in one hundred and twelve minutes.

South Australia were all out for 462, giving them a first innings lead of 331, so Queensland are in a poor position.

The outstanding feature of Saturday's play was the brilliant bowling of C. V. Grimmet, who took 6 for 33.

## Diegel's Putting Stroke

By BEST BALL

When one mentions Leo Diegel, the average fan immediately connects the name with one of the oddest putting styles in the game. Theorists have often advocated the pendulum style of stroking the ball, which is actually difficult of achievement from the regulation stance. In the first place this would require that the arms remain absolutely still, and the swing back and forth made with wrist motion only. This would mean that the ball would have to be contacted while at the low portion of the arc for best results, or at least a second before or after. As a consequence there is little leeway for error.

The orthodox form now consists rather in a wide backstroke in which the arms and even the body may move slightly to keep the muscles relaxed and the stroke smooth. The arms moving with the blow tend to keep the putter head travelling close to the ground, for a certain distance in back and front of the ball, so that a hit anywhere in this range will be good. Diegel's stance, crouched over the ball, with his hands chest high and opposing each other allows him to adopt certain of the pendulum principles and still keep the putter head travelling low by keeping the hands moving. This system was invented by Diegel to overcome a nervousness in using the orthodox method and has served him well.

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Friday—Limitation of Clubs.

## Tranmere Out Of F.A. Cup

London, To-day.

Two postponed matches in the Third Round of the F. A. Cup Competition were held yesterday, Southport and Doncaster sharing two goals, while Grimsby eliminated Tranmere by six clear goals.

In a Scottish League postponed First Division encounter, Clyde beat St. Johnstone at home by 3 goals to 1.—Reuter.

Everywhere I go in Bethnal Green people continually ask me why I do not go into the ring with Boon. I therefore decided that I must fight Boon as soon as possible, and as an offer has been made, I was bound to accept it.—Arthur Danahar.

## WATER-POLO LEAGUE FOR COLONY?

To Be Restricted To  
Civilian Clubs

### LACK OF PITCHES MAIN PROBLEM

(By "CRAWL")

Although it is much too early to discuss swimming or water-polo prospects for next summer, there is an item of news which should be welcomed by civilian aquatic clubs of the Colony.

Efforts are now being made to establish a Civilian water-polo League in the Colony and, although nothing definite has yet come to light, there is every prospect of this League functioning during the summer months.

One of the biggest obstacles to be surmounted, however, is a lack of playing pitches, and it is fairly obvious that sea pitches, either at North Point or West Point, must be ruled out because of the danger of contracting cholera, and the matches will have to be played in a swimming pool or pools.

### ENOUGH CLUBS

Together with the Chinese Clubs, there should be enough teams in the Colony to make the League very interesting. It will be recalled that the last Water-polo League was inaugurated several seasons ago, when the H.K.I.A.S.A., now defunct, ran First and Second Divisions.

At the moment, if the League does materialise, it seems probable that St. Andrew's Club, the European "Y," V.R.C., possibly Central British Association and many of the Chinese Clubs including South China A.A., Chinese Bathing Club, Chinese Athletic Association, Chung Shing Benevolent Society and others will participate.

More on this subject will be published in the very near future.



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### MR. RANK BUYS NEWMARKET STUD

Mr. J. V. Rank, it is understood, has purchased the New England Stud at Newmarket, and took possession on January 1.

The stud was built by the late Sir Robert Jardine and was subsequently owned by Sir J. Buchanan-Jardine. It comprises about 300 acres, and among the stallions standing there are Obliterate and Nothing Venture.

Mr. Rank's good stayer Epigram will, it is expected, shortly take up duties there.

### N.B.A. AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL BOXING SCHEME

A proposal to arrange international matches between England and France is likely to give further impetus to the scheme for the formation of a new amateur boxing organisation, attached to the National Boxing Association (the Boxers' Union).

The proposal is contained in a letter from the Federation Pugilistique Française, to the North-Western Division A.B.A., a Liverpool body, which is vitally interested in the scheme. A meeting has been arranged for London, to consider the entire position of the proposed new Association, which is creating interest in London, Liverpool, Bristol, and Sunderland.



### J. Kerr Transferred To Raith Rovers

(By AIR MAIL)

James Hamilton, the Larkhall schoolboy, whose home is at Kirkmuirhill, cannot equal the record of Donald Cruickshank (South Shields) in winning the Boys' Amateur Billiards Championship in two successive years. Hamilton, after a bye through the first stage, lost by 200-190 in the second round at Burroughes Hall, London, to Walter Cox, a fifteen-year-old player from Bridgwater, Somerset.

Hamilton will be sixteen in a few days, so that in twelve months he will be ineligible for the tournament.

### GRAND NATIONAL ENTRY

Difficulty In Qualifying  
Conditions

### RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

(By AIR MAIL)

Now that the weather has become milder it is hoped that there will be no further interruption in racing. Most of the important races to be run in February and March close soon. The Grand National is one.

Owing to recent abandonments several horses missed the opportunity of qualifying. This opens up the question whether the conditions of entry for the Grand National should not be altered.

At present the race is confined to horses that have been placed in a three miles steeplechase at the time of entry. At this period of the year, when weather causes a hold-up, owners are deprived of the necessary opportunity to qualify with a horse.

"IF —"

If the clause in the conditions of entry read for horses that have been placed in a steeplechase over three miles "at the time of starting," instead of at the time of entry, probably many owners would take a sporting chance of obtaining the qualification.

If such an alteration were made, considerably more interest would be taken in the many races in which "National" candidates take part before contesting the big event. It would ensure keen racing for places among those that had not qualified to start at Liverpool.

### BIG FRENCH ENTRY?

As a result of the many successes obtained by French horses in Britain last season owners from across the Channel may be well represented. The "National" has never been an easy race to win and, although many good steeplechasers have come from France, few succeed in jumping the big fences.

Lutteur III in 1909 was the last to do so successfully. When he came from France he joined Harry Escott's stable at Lewes, where he remained for a considerable time. It was not until Lutter III had become acclimatised that his preparation began. The horse, which was a five-year-old, made racing history by winning under 10 at 11 lb. Present conditions of entry do not permit any five-year-old taking part.

### Holder of Boys' Amateur Billiards Title Defeated

(By AIR MAIL)

J. Kerr, the Leith Athletic outside right, has been transferred to Raith Rovers.

Kerr is a son of the present manager of the Athletic, Peter Kerr, who is well remembered as a former Hibernian and Heart of Midlothian half-back.

Kerr, who was prominent even as a schoolboy, has developed into a very fast and strong winger, and has been under the notice of several clubs.

Raith Rovers' bid to increase their forward strength started recently with the signing of Dunn, an ex-Celtic centre-forward, from Southampton. Since then they have also signed O'Keefe, an outside-left from Hibernians.

I am delighted with the honour in receiving my first full cap. But I would have been just as pleased to have been reserve to Dawson had he been fit.—Brown, the Clyde and Scotland goalkeeper.



### MANILAUGHTER

*Is the merry rippling noise made by the lucky fellows  
who are setting off for a fortnight's leave to Manila  
and have remembered to bring a case of H. B. BEER.*



# Len Harvey May Go To America

## But Only For World Title Fight

### Will Not Participate In An Eliminator Bout

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

Len Harvey, having recaptured the British heavy-weight title when he easily beat Eddie Phillips, discussed future matches. He aims high, and will not be easily matched.

Mr. Hulls, the Harringay promoter, is anxious to put Harvey into the ring in London against Max Baer, and intends to leave for New York to secure Baer's signature.



## THIS VERY PERPLEXING RUGBY SEASON

### Plea For Eight Solid Scrummagers

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

I suppose there never has been a more perplexing Rugby football season than the one through which we are now so rapidly passing. The selectors of three countries at least would confess, if shocked out of their habitual reserve, that they have no firm notions whatever about their national teams.

The legislators are scratching their heads—I profoundly hope they are, at any rate—about the glut of penalty goals. The counties are wondering whether the semi-finalists in the championship will ever emerge.

This county situation is perhaps not quite as complex as it appears to be on the surface. Although only Cheshire have so far reached the semi-final, it seems fairly clear how the other three divisions will end up.

### HANTS CANNOT FAIL

Hampshire, for example, have only to beat Sussex to head the South-Eastern Division, and although I intend no slight to the stout-hearted efforts of Sussex, it would be exceedingly surprising if Hampshire failed.

In the meanwhile, most of us are thinking about our next Twickenham.

We may see in the Probables' team the shape of things to come, but it would be rash to conclude that the shape has at all definite outlines.

I feel that there will be a considerable number of changes. J. L. Giles, for example, must come in if he is fit by then, and presumably B. E. Nicholson will be given another chance in the centre.

### MORE EXPERIMENTS

In all probability the selectors have not finished their experiments with forwards. There are some fine players about who merit atten-

Failing Baer, he hopes to induce John Henry Lewis, former world's light heavy-weight champion, to come over for a return fight with Harvey, whom he beat at Wembley two years ago. Walter Neusel is also considered as an opponent.

For the past two months, Harvey has been in touch with Mr. Jimmy Johnstone, the New York promoter, regarding possible fights in America, and when the result of the Phillips fight was known in New York, Johnstone and Mike Jacobs both talked of inviting Harvey to go. Harvey's reply was:

### NO ELIMINATORS

"I am not particularly interested in Max Baer as a fight with him takes me nowhere. Neusel I regard in exactly the same way. I want no more eliminating fights, and I will not in any circumstances go to America to take part in one.

"I would go there to fight Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight title, and I would go for a match with John Henry Lewis for the light heavyweight championship. I am just as qualified to fight Louis as Tommy Farr was.

### TOM DICK OR HARRY!

Of course, the power of the purse generally operates in boxing. It has to. But I do not think there is the slightest prospect of my going to America unless it is for a title fight.

"As to a fight here, who is there? I see no point in fighting Baer, even in London. Still, we must await developments and see what is offered. Except in the case of a world title fight I am not desperately eager to grab a match with Tom, Dick or Harry. In fact, it is possible I shall make an exhibition tour."

tion.

J. R. Spear, of Blackheath, it seems to me, is one of them, and I still feel that C. D. Laborde might with advantage be tried again as a forward leader.

Back-row players of real quality seem to be scarce. We have any amount of the scampering, showy, destructive kind, but they are out of place in a potential England side.

### GENUINE SCRUMMAGERS

If we cannot find successors to our Tom Voyces I am convinced that our selectors would do the game a great service if they picked eight genuine scrummagers. Let us have someone capable of watching the blind side intelligently, by all means, but unless we find a rover of authentic genius do not let us sacrifice the scrummaging substance for the skulking shadow.



Unemployed men from Durham played football on the playing fields of Eton on December 15. They were from St. Helen's Social Centre, which Eton College "adopted" last year. When Eton visited St. Helens, the unemployed beat them by 6 goals to 2. This was the return match. Photo shows—Eton boys showing their visitors round the college. (Copyright, Fox).



## WATSONIANS' RUGBY TOUR

### Narrow Defeat In Last Match

(By AIR MAIL)

Better conditions prevailed for the concluding match of the Watsonians' tour at Cardiff Arm Park, and a crowd of 8000 spectators saw a keen game. Cardiff deserved their victory, but there is no doubt that had the Watsonian backs possessed the speed to follow up the determined rushes of their forwards, there would have been a different tale to tell.

Cardiff's superiority was most marked behind, but the three-quarters, though having plenty of opportunities consequent upon the cleaner heeling of their pack, were never impressive in their handling.

It was fortunate, therefore, that Bassett, Cardiff's Welsh international left wing, was in top form, and it was he who gained their lead with a spectacular try. Immediately afterwards, however, Reid showed rare opportunism in charging down a kick by Brown, and following up the kick, which rebounded off his chest, scored an equalising try. Before the interval, however, Brown regained Cardiff's lead with a penalty goal.

Cardiff had more of the play in the second half, but though Watsonians were handicapped when K. Roberts had to retire with an injury, they offered a stern defence. G. Roberts, R. M. Donaldson, and R. Welsh all being prominent.

## RING COLLAPSES IN GLASGOW BOUT

(By AIR MAIL)

There was a remarkable incident in the principal contest in Glasgow between Johnny M'Manus, of Twechar, and Jim Hayes, of Leeds. Just on the close of the ninth round, M'Manus backed heavily to the ropes. To the general surprise the two back posts of the ring collapsed, and when M'Manus made to rise the two remaining posts also caved in.

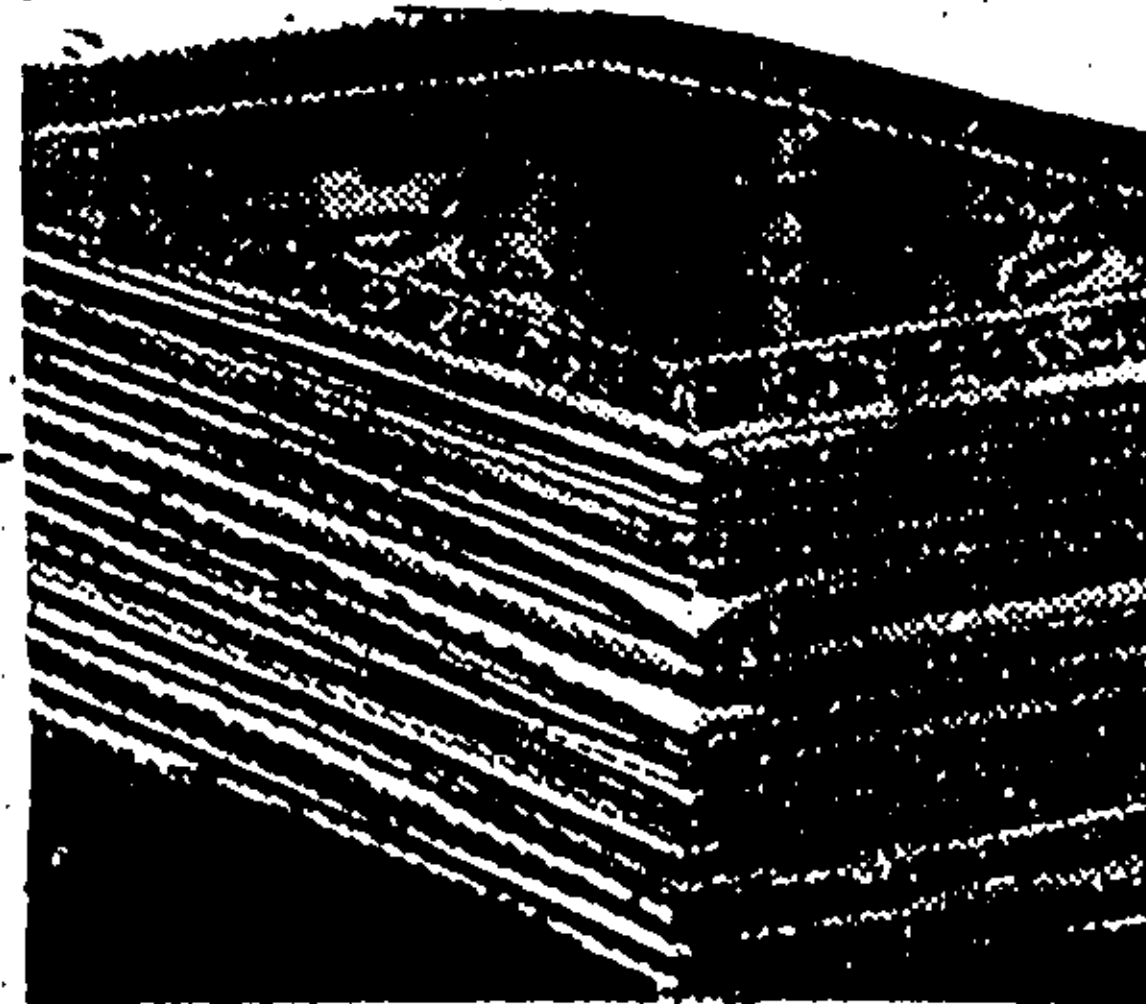
The contest had to be suspended, while repairs were carried out, a matter of ten minutes being lost. When the boxers were again called upon to resume the contest they had been boxing only a matter of seconds when the bell closed the round.

M'Manus was taking the place of Teddy O'Neill, of Dumbarton, the Scottish bantam-weight champion, who had to call off on account of influenza, and towards the end he came well into the fight and ultimately a draw was declared at the end of the scheduled ten rounds.

Yorke Bentley, Canada, defeated Jim Mount, Greenock, in the fourth round of a ten rounds bout, the referee stopping the contest after the Scot had been sent down for two counts of nine. A. B. Dobbin, of Glasgow, the challenger for the Scottish welter-weight championship, drew with Ken Andrews, Dundee, over ten rounds.

It is vitally important that a penalty goal should equal a try. Unfortunately there are unscrupulous players in the game, players who would not hesitate, for instance, to risk a penalty for offside when they led by three points and a penalty would still leave them a point ahead. The penalty goal at its present value is a deterrent, and must remain so.—Howard Marshall.

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1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Sydney Kyte & His Piccadilly Hotel Orchestra and Elsie Carlisle.  
Queen Of Hearts—March (from the film); We'll Rest At The End Of The Trail—Fox-Trot .... Sydney Kyte & His Piccadilly Hotel Band with Vocal Chorus.  
Conversation For Two (Hueston, Emmerich); Star Gazing (Neiburg, Levinson)....Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orchestra.  
Rise And Shine—Selection; Stars Over Broadway—Selection....Sydney Kyte & His Piccadilly Hotel Band with Vocal Chorus.  
Little Old Lady (Adams & Carmichael)....Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orchestra.  
Espana Waltz (Waldteufel); Throw Open Wide Your Window—Waltz (J. Strauss, May, Stanley)....Sydney Kyte & His Piccadilly Hotel Band.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—New Variety.  
Military Bands—Great Times—March (Brose); Hessian Infantry March (arr. Prof. Hackenberger)....Massed Military Bands.  
Vocal—Love's Longing (film 'The World Belongs To The Young!'); The Waltz Song (from the film)....Joseph Schmidt (Tenor) with Orch. (Sung in German).  
Dance Orch.—I'm Gonna Lock My Heart—Quick-Step; There Goes My Affection—Quick-Step....Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody.  
Vocal—Heinie's Sing-Song (Kirsten, Richartz); Woodcutter's Song (Knorr, Becce)....Comedy Harmonists with Piano.  
Dance Orch.—Sixty Seconds Got Together—Fox-Trot; Goodbye To Summer—Fox-Trot .... Carroll Gibbons & The Savoy Hotel Orpheans, with vocal chorus.  
Vocal—Change Partners (film 'Carefree'); I Used To Be Colour Blind (film 'Carefree')....Fred Astaire with Ray Noble & His Orchestra.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6 p.m.—Beethoven—Concerto in D Major, Op. 61. Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.  
6.46 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.48 p.m.—Two Songs by Lina Pagliughi (Soprano).  
"Rigoletto"—Gilda's Aria: "Caro nome" (Verdi); "Mignon"—"To

son Titania" (Thomas)....with the Milan Symphony Orch. cond. by Ugo Tansini. (Sung in Italian).  
6.58 p.m.—Richard Tauber (Tenor) in a Lehar Programme.  
Gypsy Love—Waltz Melodies .... Orchestra Mascotte.  
Beautiful Italy (Operetta 'Paganini'); Girls Were Made To Love And Kiss (Operetta 'Paganini')....Richard Tauber with Lyceum Theatre Orchestra cond. by Frank Collinson.  
Fear Nothing (Operetta 'Paganini')....Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra cond. by G. Walter.  
My Lips Are Made For Kissing ("Giuditta"); Stay With Me For Ever ("Giuditta")....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.  
The Land Of Smiles—Selection....London Theatre Orchestra cond. by Ernest Irving.  
Serenade from "Frasquita"....Emil Roosz & His Orchestra.  
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Calling The Tune" with George Bolton playing the piper but De Haven and Page calling the tunes. The pipers are Frank Lane, The Cavendish Three and Harry Gordon. Presented by F. H. C. Piffard.  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Doreen Ma.  
1. Stop beatin' around the Mulberry Bush.  
2. You're as pretty as a picture.  
3. The Donkey Serenade.  
4. Music Maestro Please.  
5. Remember Me.  
6. Sweet and Lovely.  
8.20 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.  
The A.B.C. March (Foort & Ferling)....with Brass Quartet &

Drums.  
Puszta (Mihaly); The Wind Has Told Me A Story—Tango Habanera (Bruhne).  
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Empire Exchange". Points of view by travellers from the Dominions & Colonies.  
8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"Inside Information"—Happy Feet. A programme devised by F. W. Hillyard and recorded under the direction of Leo Hunter.  
9 p.m.—Gounod's "Faust" Act IV. Sung by Miriam Licette, Doris Vane, Muriel Brunskill, Robert Easton, Harold Williams, Heddle Nash and the B.B.C. Choir with Orchestra and Organ conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.50 p.m.—Request Programme.  
Trio No. 1 in B Flat (Schubert)....Cortot, Thibaud And Casals (Instrumental Trio).  
"Die Bauberflote"—Overture (Mozart)....Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.  
Fantasia In D Minor, K. 397 (Mozart)....Wanda Landowska (Piano).  
Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring (Bach, arr. Sir Hugh Allen)....Choir Of The Temple Church, London cond. by G. Thalben-Ball with Oboe obligato by Leon Goossens and Piano.  
Ave Maria (Bach)....Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Choir & Orchestra (Sung in Latin).  
Aria (From Suite In D—Bach)....Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp. by Otto Schulhof.  
Hark! Hark! The Lark (Shakespeare-Schubert)....Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.  
Tone-Poem "Finlandia", Op. 26, No. 7 (Sibelius)....Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.  
11 p.m.—Close down.



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When a player realises that every time it is his turn to lead he will have some sort of problem, he should endeavour to let his partner get into the lead if possible, the theory being that although he has to guess, his partner may know what to do. We recently saw a hand chucked to a Declarer because the West player failed to take advantage of this principle.

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♦ 4 2  
♣ 8 6 2  
♠ K 9 6  
♥ Q 6 4 2  
♦ A Q 9 8  
♣ A 5  
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♠ A 2  
♥ A 7 5  
♦ K J 10  
♣ K Q J 10 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Dbl.	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Many players would have reached a final contract of two spades or two notrump with the North and South hands. However, whatever the final contract, the right defence would beat it. Against three clubs West opened the deuce of hearts. Incidentally, on any other lead the

hand would be cold. Declarer played dummy's King and East promptly signalled with the Jack of hearts. A diamond was led from dummy and the ten-spot finessed, West winning with the Queen and continuing with the four of hearts. Now East carefully played the nine, forcing Declarer's Ace and clearly marking East with the ten-spot. Declarer's next play was the Jack of diamonds. West won with the Ace and now had no excuse for not playing the six of hearts, which would have put his partner in the lead. However, for some reason or other West elected to play the Queen of hearts, which held the trick.

Now West played a third diamond. Declarer discarded a spade from dummy, won in his own hand with the King and played the nine of clubs. West played low and Declarer continued with the ten of clubs. West won with the Ace and once more was back in the lead. At this point the fine player would have counted Declarer's hand and realised the only hope was a shift to a spade. But, as may be seen from the preceding, West was not a fine player. He led a fourth diamond. Declarer ruffed in dummy, discarded the losing spade from his own hand and made his contract. Of course there are any number of ways in which West might have saved himself, but the simple way would have been to let his partner get in with the ten of hearts.

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## What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL—"I Cover The War." Starring John Wayne and having as its background the revolt of Arab tribes against British rule in Mesopotamia, the picture tells of a little known episode in history. Wayne portrays a daredevil American cameraman who is assigned to the dangerous task of photographing a mysterious and sinister native chieftain. The cast includes Gwen Gaze, Don Barclay, Pat Somerset and Major Sam Harris.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"You're Only Young Once." When Judge Hardy goes on his overdue vacation, fishing, he finds himself launched on a sea of troubles that threaten to submerge his entire family until he hits on the appropriate remedy. With Lewis Stone, Cecilia Parker, Mickey Rooney, Fay Holden, Frank Craven and Ann Rutherford. Reviewed elsewhere.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Spy Ring," with William Hall and Jane Wyman. The story concerns the efforts of a group of clever international spies, headed by Jane Carleton and Leon Ames to steal from the United States army a valuable new invention. The story was written by George Wagner and produced by the Trem Carr unit of Universal.

AT THE STAR—"Treasure Island," with Wallace Beery, Jackie Cooper and Lionel Barrymore. The most widely read pirate story ever written brought to the screen with vivid reality.

AT THE KING'S—"Algiers," with Charles Boyer, Sigrid Gurie, Hedy Lamarr, Joseph Calleia, Alan Hale, Gene Lockhart and Nina Koshetz. The setting of this picture is in the native quarter of Algiers, a refuge for criminals from all parts of Europe. The story is of the adventures of a devil may care international jewel thief (Charles Boyer) for whose love glamorous Sigrid Gurie and alluring Hedy Lamarr are rivals.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Give Me A Sailor," with Martha Raye, Bob Hope, Betty Gable, Jack Whiting and J. C. Nugent. The story concerns a contract, made in childhood, by which two brothers promise to marry two sisters, and the efforts of one of the young men to evade its terms. As the plot unrolls, Miss Raye, the ugly duckling of the family, turns into a beauty with a nation-wide reputation and the winner of a coast-to-coast legs contest, while her sister, loses out on the field of love when she turns out to be a dunce in the kitchen.



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## LIFE SENTENCE PASSED ON NOTED WRITER

Berlin, To-day.

Sentence on the Radical writer Ernst Niekisch and his associates was pronounced by the People's Court yesterday after an eight days' trial.

Niekisch was sentenced to penal servitude for life and permanent loss of civil rights for "preparation of high treason and the illegal organisation of a political party."

Drexel was sentenced to three years and six months' penal servitude and the loss of civil rights for three years on the same charges while the third accused Troeger was sentenced to one year and nine months' imprisonment.

It was alleged during the trial that Niekisch attempted to continue his "Widerstandsbevegung" (movement of resistance) which dates back as far as 1926, despite the prohibition of political parties after 1933. By speeches and writings he attempted to propagate "Bolshevist" Utopia.

The movement had shrunk to a few "intellectual cranks" in 1937.

"The activities of the accused, however, had to be considered," in the opinion of the court, "as an offence against the law of July 14, 1933, forbidding the organisation of political parties. The trial revealed that the sporadic intellectual efforts were from the beginning bound to fail in view of the

## RESTAURANT GAMBLING RAID

A gambling "School" at the Kam Lung Restaurant, Des Voeux Road, was raided yesterday by the police. Eleven men who were playing at the time were released on bail of \$3 each, and the two "proprietors" were given bail of \$75. When the names were read out in court to-day, no-one came forward. All bail was estreated.

## TAIKOO THEFT

Before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, Chan Fuk, 21, was charged with stealing a quantity of lead from the Taikoo Sugar Refinery yesterday.

Defendant was seen by an employee of Taikoo, and was arrested on the spot. He was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Mr. T. S. Stainton appeared as complainant, while Inspector Russell prosecuted.

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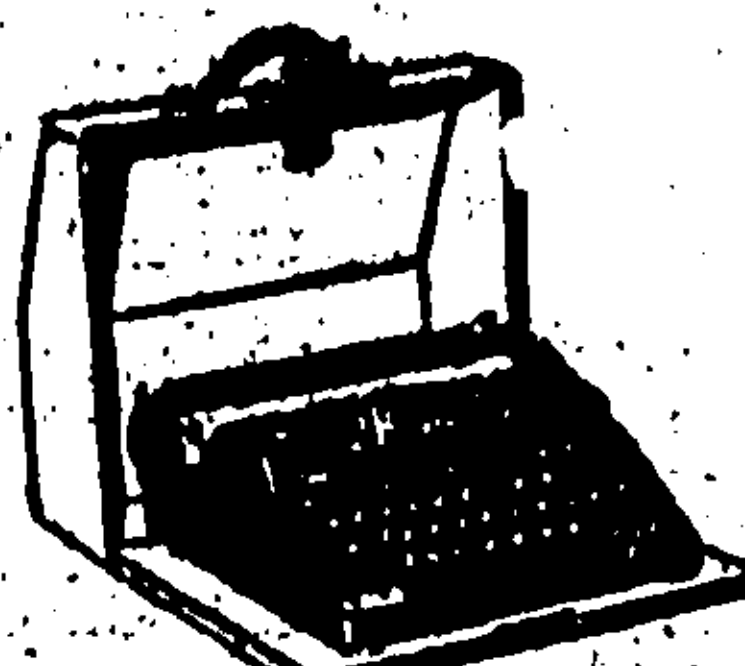
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